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This is a form but I know that I am contacting fellow human beings. The 2022 UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports states that global temperature cannot rise above 2.7° above pre-industrial temperatures without dire consequences for all life on Earth. Right now we are at 2° above pre-industrial temperatures, and we are consistently experiencing the catastrophic weather events that have become the new norm.

We have only 7 years to realistically keep greenhouses gas at 2% and avoid catastrophic global warming. Protecting our forests, especially mature growth trees, is an essential component of addressing the climate emergency we all face.

You have the power to prevent logging and burning of this precious national resource. Please do so and develop a new Forest Service plan that is an active model that prioritizes carbon sequestration. We need to deploy multiple strategies to deal with rising temperatures while we work together to develop renewable sources of energy.

Let's all do our part to preserve our national resources and prevent the most devastating climate change outcomes that we possibly can. This I believe is your charge at the US Forest Service. We need your service now.

In solidarity,

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