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Comments: The climate crisis has brought us to the point where previous thoughts about forest management have to be reexamined so that our forests can play an integral part in the fight to keep our planet from spiraling into an ever increasing heating scenario. There are two ways we have to keep this from happening: turning away from all carbon-based fuels and sequestering carbon dioxide. Our forests are the best tool we have to sequester CO2 and to continue cutting down our forests for ANY reason is working against our children having any chance to live on a habitable Earth. That includes your children as well. The Forest Service has always been the steward of our forests and now it needs to be the steward of the planet - to move into a greater role for the greater good. It needs to reexamine its role, not as a resource for industry, but as the protector of our woods as the major tool we have to cool our planet.

Please take your role seriously as you are needed in our hour of need as the best guardian not just our woods but the whole planet.