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Comments: I would like to voice my strong opposition to this proposed cut. The US Forest Service needs to wake up to the urgent need to let our national forests continue to mature. This is one of the lowest cost tools we have to combat the at this point inexorable rise in atmospheric CO2. This will also provide benefits to recreational, wildlife, and water resources.

The State of Vermont, the nation, and our planet desperately need a Forest Service with our long-term health and well-being in mind. A "Getting out the cut" plan, epitomized by this proposal, no longer fits the bill.

This criticism is coming from a small business owner who has made his living working with wood.

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