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Comments: As humans with a vast expansion of mental constructs built from years of studies in science, we are steadfast to believe we know what is best for nature. We believe that somehow we have the answers as to how to properly manage the forests to provide her best health. Somehow we know how to "fix" the ecosystem better than what the forests do on their own naturally.

Is it us that heals our skin when we get cut? Or something greater, less understood by the mind but always fully present within us, that knows how to heal and create harmony without coercion? Our human mind is only a tiny piece of the consciousness that connects all life and we may never understand it fully. The forest and all life on earth remain in constant communication with all other life forms on earth, continually bringing balance to everything on our planet. Our fragmented human perspective of the web of life is but a small view into the the self healing organism of nature. Our earth will always know how to balance herself out. She is the only one who knows how to truly create harmony for herself. No human mind understand this complexity better. Our belief that we know how to mend her through selective cutting is like telling nature that she does not know what she is doing, that her trees are out of place. Our many harvests of her trees triggers her to counter balance the man made manipulation. Then we view this counterbalance as continual imbalance for which we must manipulate more, a never ending cycle. The forest knows what she is doing. Only when the human mind tries to make sense of what it may not understand can we say there is a problem with the health of the forest. It knows what it is doing. Every tree and animal has It's perfect place, always in continual connection of communication to everything that surrounds it, with visible and invisible webs of connection. Our greatest power as humans to help her maintain health is to stop our poisoning and allow nature to heal herself. She only needs us to protect her and give her her time. The more we force the "problems" of the forest to be corrected through procedures of man the less power we give to the forest and her knowing.

Contrary to what people have previously believed about the natives here, who maintained a deep connection to the forests, current research now presents that they did not prescribe burn to help maintain health. They merely allowed the forest to be and humans just adapted to the natural changes.

Paul Stamets, world renowned mycologist with a vast history of working in the lumber industry has spoken out deeply about the importance of maintaining old growth."Having spent decades studying the role of mushroom mycelium in habitat health, it is clear to me that the latest remnants of old growth forests are genomic libraries that must be protected. In recognition of the current climate crisis, continued destruction of forest ecosystems is unacceptable." He also states how the antiviral properties and the genomic libraries of these old growth mushrooms have the potential to prevent current and future pandemics. We need older forests and your actions now can help our children's children have a better future.

I believe embracing humility can be a great first step to take to help heal our forests. Humility to acknowledge the faults of our current belief systems and how we go about manipulating nature to be what we think it should be. This can be a first step towards bringing any sense of true health back to our forests. Realizing our desire to fix with force is only further perpetuating imbalance with our manipulation. Although good intentioned, we need to keep our hands off and allow nature to be.

The second step, is much larger, but when taken comes with a divine powerful force to bring much healing to the broken systems we operate within. It is a step of great courage, to stand to what may seem a definitive unchangeable system. I deeply honor the dedication the forest service has for nature and all of the hard work they do. After attending a couple of the meetings I herd the motives behind this proposal. A clear benefit of profit to the US Treasury and the Forest Service. Backed by a narrative of we work for the government and we do as

we are told. This situation can stay stagnant within the downward spiraling of our current governmental systems, or we can make a conscious courageous leap to shift out, one in which we gain our power back as the people. This shift comes with the understanding of who is the government and who does the forest service work for? Is it a series of elected officials entangled with corporations seeking to fill numbers? Or is the government created to be employees for The People, created by The People, In consent of The People? We have slowly been accustomed to the former, although I'm pretty sure we all know it was intended to be the latter of the two. The concept of the people holding the power has been lost through the many years of government manipulation and the endless greed of control. But that time is coming to an end as humanity is waking up to the wrong doings of those who have gained control of our systems. Those who work for the government are not pawns to be directed and ordered by the few at the top. Unquestioned order answering is how we unconsciously allowed the murder of millions in the holocaust massacre. Those who did not speak up and say no were just as guilty as those who gave orders and provoked or funded the murder. The only way we stop history from repeating itself is by learning from it. Those who work as an employee for the government forest service are individual souls, creators of reality, a voice for that which cannot speak and a projector for the voices speaking to you here now. We The People are asking and counting on you to work for us and to take a stand from taking orders from those above you. This proposal being brought fourth is not within the peoples consent to continue. We have lost our voice as the people, when the forest service ignore our voices and continue on marching, you put the people in the dark. Find the courage in your being to voice for us that this is not in the best interest of the people. It's not in the best interest of the Land we live in. It is not in the best interest of the Air we breath. It is not in the best interest of the Waters we drink. And it is not in the best interest of the soil that we find our health in. May the Divine light within you illuminate the shadows around us and pave the path to a brighter future for generations to come. Your actions can bring great change if only you believe in it. We belive, and we will stand behind you if you stand for us.

With much love and gratitude,  
-A voice from these forests.