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Comments: Please don't burn these highly prized area of forests. That is way too much acreage and as I said, it is some of the most loved and visited area of the forest. Forests naturally evolve, letting downed trees go through the process of clearing forest of what needs to be cleared. Lightening takes care of much more in the way of downed trees and fires that will clear the land. We absolutely do not need a person arbitrarily decide what area to clear, what trees to get rid of! It would be far better to let nature take care of itself. We also need as much of our forests as possible in today's world where humans are taking them down and destroying them in a blink. We need them for better air quality and to minimize loss of habitat. We want to keep the natural ecosystems as vital and intact as possible!