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Comments: In this time of massive air pollution and loss of natural habitat for hundreds of species of wildlife, I am both surprised and shocked that the Forest Service would even consider the idea of de-forestation in California's Sequoia and Sierra National Forests. These trees are among the oldest in recorded history, and are a necessary staple of both clean air and wildlife habitat! I urge you in the strongest possible terms to take other measures to achieve your goals and to NOT DESTROY such a beautiful gift to the people of California and the United States. By burning you are both creating pollution unnecessarily and diminishing the earth's ability to clean up that pollution. This is perhaps the worst possible decision the Forest Service could make, and would have lasting consequences for the air we breathe.