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Comments: We must preserve old growth forests and some mature forest trees to replace them. There is both anecdotal (indigenous) and research indicating our climate-change induced wild fires threaten to ruin these carbon holding resources. Not only logging these trees but the subsequent damage to the ground cover around them damage our ecosystem.

Instead of slash burning, prescribed, contained burns of low growth would be more effective. There is another method which is safe, cost effective and environmentally positive. Goats have proven themselves in a variety of settings. The shepherders, herding and guardian dogs work well. Added bonuses include low nitrogen fertilizer, meat and milk by products.