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Comments: Your plan of action gives preference to commercial use of public lands over conservation. This goes against your mission to balance these two uses. For too long the lobbyists of big corporations have exerted undue influence on the Forest Service to the extent that our national treasures, a limited reserve, have been subject to relentless attrition, a situation that feeds on itself and cannot be reversed. In light of the existential threat to the state of our environment this poses to our future it is time to revise your mission statement and put conservation ahead of recreational/commercial use of our public lands. No longer can it be argued rationally that society needs to get its recreation and income off of national public lands when the ecology of the entire planet has been so disrupted by the commercial exploitation of the earth man has already engaged in. Scientists as a group have been saying for some time we are at the tipping point, maybe beyond the tipping point. Your agency must make the tough decision to change your priorities, your mission statement, and work for the people as a whole. Our existence as a species is on the line.