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Comments: It is imperative that forests, especially old growth ones, be free from logging and other development disturbances. Management efforts need to be focused on bolstering climate recovery, community safety and economic sustainability, fire resilience, old-growth and biodiversity preservation and environmental justice for Indigenous communities.

To accomplish this, beneficial fires need to be allowed and the workforce needs to be expanded.

It is unrealistic and both economically and ecologically damaging to try to achieve fire free forests. I support the Commission's recommendation to enable beneficial fire through prescribed burning, Indigenous cultural burning and wildfire managed for resource benefits. It is critical that these burns include pre-fire planning and preparation by agencies and communities so the fires do not spread to and damage nearby communities. In order to accomplish this the workforce needs to be increased so these policies can be implemented. Significantly raising wages and improving working conditions as well as jobs being more than preventing and putting out fires will attract the workers needed.

Thank you