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Comments: Thank you for including me in open comments. I am very much in the learning stages of what each region is facing in our National Forrest's. I do know that in my area many many ancient large trees have had severe damage in the past decade. From massive limbs falling to entire trees being uprooted. Homes have been devastated, animal pathways have become disrupted, and new builds are clearing out large lush areas. Most of these disasters are from severe weather or manmade. The cable companies send in troops to clear out so much, even if you beg them to leave the big trees. We have beautiful wildlife here in Michigan, and we hope to secure the Forrest's and protect them for future generations. Even the small backyard wooded areas.

Far accross the nation to Big Sur a completely different system pumps energy into our planet.
Understanding the hydrology and snow sheds that create the falls and movement of water in these areas as well as the water quality and flow is just the start. With warming temperatures the late summer falls look a lot different than they used to.

I was lucky enough to live in California and be able to get to know the sequoias in Yosemite and coastal protected areas.   Knowing that the snow is so vital to these giants so they can drink over 800 gallons of water on a summer day is something I feel connected to.

I am very interested in continuing to learn, and educate others. On a constant quest for knowledge on Climate change, protecting water, getting involved with this amazing organization to help protect National Forrest are ways I wish to help.
Teaching children and families, also staying active in local community groups focused on climate change, groups focused in gardening with native species, and pollinator highways, and being super involved in my city. But of course I am always yearning for more.

Thank you again for this opportunity! Looking forward to the future because I care.