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Comments: Nearly 700,000 acres of federally owned old growth forest has been destroyed by wildfires, insect infestations, and disease, while emotion-crazed legal impediments have reduced commercial logging to a negligible level, here in West Coast states.

Shredding the existing 128 forest-specific, professionally crafted, management plans is, in itself, a major threat to United States Forests. A "consistent" plan covering all 128 forests cannot help but be much like a "one-size-fits-all" garment that fits no one well.

This costly paperwork exercise squanders Forest Service resources and distracts from real conservation work that is urgently needed, thus placing forest health in greater jeopardy.

Instead of consigning our forests to burn, get moving on active routine forest management, for the health of the forests and the wildlife that relies on them.