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Comments: I agree with the need to manage our forests, whether considered young, mature, or old. Indigenous peoples in each of the areas should be the primary consultants on all projects and maintenance of the forests. They should be in the meetings and their opinions should matter more than the so called experts. After all, look at what we've done so far. We have accelerate global warming by the side affects of burning fossil fuels and over consuming the "never ending supply" of natural resources. It is unfortunate we have lost so may thousands of acres of forest due to wild fires. pulling in old growth forests, to govern their use simply to make the lumber available for commercial use I disagree with. Should the forest service step outside the box and speak with the construction industry and discuss alternative building solutions? Stop home building near forests, build with bamboo, or concrete, or by other means.