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Comments: It is encouraging that the administration is taking steps to safeguard the dwindling remnants of the countries old growth forests. Unfortunately, as written, the document appears to leave loop holes through which incentives other than economic could lead to the loss or miss management of these forests. Without a strengthening of the document's language it stands only as an empty political gesture and will be remembered as such. Language must be included in the document to forbid any management practices on these lands in perpetuity. No fuels reduction. No thinning. No infrastructure projects. Nothing. These forests have managed themselves for thousands of years, they do not need our anthropocentric fears and/or shortsighted reasoning to decide their fate.

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