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Comments: I am not a scientist, nor do I purport to be well versed in forestry management best practices. I do however care very deeply for our country and the world we live in. I am submitting this comment to ask you to do your due diligence and not knuckle under to special interest groups such as oil and gas companies. Trees and forests have an outsized job in helping to slow climate change. They absorb carbon. According to the Arbor Day Foundation , in one year a mature tree will absorb more than 48 pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and release oxygen in exchange.

Please use your powers to do what is best for our ecosystem, indigenous peoples, and fauna in our forests.

Sincerely,

Wayne Carson

To the tune of Woody Guthrie's This Land Is Your Land:

This land was your land This land was my land
From California to the New York island;
From the red wood forest to the Gulf Stream waters
This land was ruined for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway,
I saw above me that smog filled skyway:
I saw below me that burned out valley:
This land was ruined for you and me.

I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps
To the strip mined mountains of her majesty;
And all around me a voice was sounding:
This land will be taken from you and me.

When Big Oil came fracking, and I was choking,
And the wheat fields dying and the dust clouds hanging,
As the water was poisoned a voice was chanting:
This land was ruined for you and me.

As I went walking I saw a sign there
And at the top it said "No Trespassing."
And on the bottom it said some legalese ,
That sign was foisted on you and me.

In the shadow of the Capital I saw our senators,
Glad-handing one another and smiling smugly;
As they stood there happy, I stood there asking
Where is the land made for you and me?

Our congressional representatives
And our recent commanders in chief;

Have stolen our heritage just like a thief
This land was raped for Big Oil profits.

From Alaskan drilling to deforestation,
To tar sand pipelines
And fracking throughout the country
This land was ruined for you and me.