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Nobody in the Biden Administration or the USFS know anything about managing forests except with fire. Your "Let it Burn" policy the environmental scientists have in place seems to be working well? NOT!

A 10 year wildfire strategy. Is that 10 years of out of control controlled burns to keep your forests natural? Mechanically thinning fire prone forests equals more lawsuits and no boots on the ground. How many trillion dollars will that cost? The only alotted \$1.13 billion is federal forests.

Yes, Joe is about dead and his kids don't pay taxes so no worries. In 10 years when China calls in all our loans you will all be working for them. In the meantime, load up all the migrants we are supporting, give them a pair of loppers or axes and they can mechanically thin those forests and help save your old growth and pay their way to their American dream. I'm tired of funding all these freebee Democrat programs for deadbeats, thieves, and drug cartels.

If you read the articles in the 2020 National Woodlands magazine, Volume 45, Number 3, saving the old growth will do almost nothing to help mitigate climate change because trees over 200 years old hardly grow and are only sequestering a minute amount of carbon, and give off carbon dioxide as they decay. Your resources would be way better spent on thinning the younger forests and keeping them healthy and sequestering carbon at a much higher rate. Or, better yet, replant the millions of acres the USFS burned and are sequestering 0 (ZERO) carbon.

In 2021 alone, wildfires emitted 7.1 billion tons of carbon and today those acres are sequestering zero carbon. In 2023 the USFS treated 1.9 million acres of National Forest lands with prescribed burns. How many million tons of carbon did that add to the atomosphere? You'll never get net /zero doing controlled burns. Thining the young forests and storing carbon as lumber or using biomass products as a substitute for fossil fuels releases way less carbon to the atmosphere than controlled burns. So, good luck helping mitigate climate change.

By the time you get done fighting the lying environmentalists lawyers in court, there won't be any money left to spend on any old growth conservation projects anyway. And thus, another failed Biden Executive Order.

Just more spend, spend, spend and the criminals the government employs continue to rob their share off the top and the lawyers for the environmental groups celebrate as our National Forests continue to burn up our private forests like the deadbeat USFS firefighters did ours in the 2020 Santiam/Beachie Creek Fires in Oregon.