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Comments: Our planet has reached a tipping point in regards to climate change, and we know that hundreds (if not thousands) of species are diminishing in number and are threatened with eventual extinction if we continue in our current ways. Humans are also under threat from extreme weather events, pollution, and other toxic substances in our environment. Our actions now as regards our natural landscapes can have a huge impact as to which way the pendulum swings.

Indiana's forests (and their wildlife) are an extremely important natural resource, and should be protected as much as possible. I do not support logging and burning, especially in old growth/mature forests, and to use terms like "vegetative treatment" and "ecological restoration" in forest "management" is misleading. I grew up in the Flint Hills region of eastern Kansas, where fire is a natural method for ecological management of the prairie landscape. Fire has no place in the green, Eastern forests of southern Indiana.

I think a more considered approach needs to be taken in regard to managing Indiana's forests, and that mature and old-growth areas are deserving of more study and consideration as we seek to ultimately preserve them and utilize them to combat climate change.