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Comments: I'm writing to urge you to manage all forests in your purview so as to maximize the forests' ability to sequester CO2. This would mean ending the practice of cutting trees over 100 years, trees that in their prime for sequestering carbon. These trees that belong to all Americans are worth so much more standing than as lumber and other products.

We are in a world wide existential climate . Forests in the Coast Range, especially, deserve as much protection as possible, since researchers tell us that they exceed even the Amazon Rainforest in their growth rate/productivity and ability to remove CO2 from the atmosphere. This gives the the Forest Service, an ethical mandate to do our part as one of the largest producers of CO2, to simply allow our forests to live , grow and do life-saving services to all of humanity.