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Comments: I am in full support of this project.

One of the challenges we face in protecting our forests is the ongoing conflict between Federal and State agencies when it comes to managing and fighting forest fires. The lack of coordination and differing approaches often lead to delays in response time and a failure to address the root causes of wildfires before they escalate. In some cases, fires are allowed to burn out of control before action is taken, resulting in devastating consequences for both the environment and nearby communities.

In some instances, local loggers have reported active fires and offered equipment to put them out. Only to be told by the USFS they will take care of it. Then they get out of control and burn hundreds of thousands of acres. The USFS has thousands of miles of roads they do not maintain and keep open so when fires erupt, they can't get to them in time to stop them from getting out of control.

It is a fact that some Old Growth Timber are in the process of dying, and need to be thinned to let younger trees come up. To identify this, look at the pitch that runs out of the trees and that pitch ultimately escalates fires. Removing said trees is proper forest management, it lets younger trees come up.

Meanwhile we are approx. 3.5 million homes short in this nation. What is wrong with removing dead and dying trees to provide critically needed homes and infrastructure instead of importing wood from Canada and other countries.

In conclusion, it is our responsibility to protect and preserve our forests for future generations. It's imperative for Federal and State agencies to set aside their differences and work collaboratively to prevent and manage forest fires effectively. By adopting sustainable practices and promoting responsible forest management, including road clearing and logging, we can ensure that our forests thrive and continue to provide essential benefits for the environment, future generations, and all living beings. Act now while we still have a chance.