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Comments: Hello, I provided a comment about the January 2023 Proposed Action, and since not much changed from that Proposed Action to this Modified Proposed Action (Alt B), my comment is not changing, either. This whole process should be put on hold at least until the Nationwide Forest Plan Amendment Process runs its course in early 2025.

During that time, thought should be given to how we are going to value carbon sequestration in dollars so that we can compare the dollar value of leaving trees standing to that of cutting them down. Of course, the seismic shift of not using a monetary bottom line as our reason for making specific decisions would be preferable, but I think that is going to be a long time coming.

Thought should also be given to how we can fairly compensate loggers and timber industry personnel - what can they do for the forests to earn a comparable living leaving the trees standing to the one they have cutting the trees down? These forests are public and a mere 4% of the timber industry's product comes from them. It does not seem like a heavy lift to leave the trees standing for the benefit of the atmosphere, water, species other than humans, and humans who enjoy the forests.

Put a pause on this, please! Once these >100 year old trees are cut down, they're gone. Too much is at stake to rush this decision. Yes, change is hard and it is scary. But we can either be a part of it in a proactive, good way, or we can ignore what's happening, do things the same old way, and suffer the consequences.

Thank you. Anne Lloyd