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Comments: We live in a time of great uncertainty in regards to our natural world. Global warming has begun to be unavoidable. Continuing to do things as we have in the past is ignorant and/or suicidal. There is not a single human alive that can predict the impact or consequences of continuous interference with natural systems. Given the current state of our climate and potential flux of natural systems, taking any steps to increase human impacts on our National Forest Lands is arrogant. Believing in theories that were applicable in the past ignores the present predicament.

Putting all cutting and active management on hold until we know more about what to expect in the coming years is the only reasonable path. Any other action is entirely blind.