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Comments: The science is well established with regard to the Climate Crisis and its threat to a livable planet for future generations. We, as citizens of this nation, and the Earth are obligated to do all we can to protect our children, grandchildren and their grandchildren. A critical part of that work not only concerns ending our dependence on fossil fuels and other burn technologies, it also means we are obliged to remove as much CO₂ and methane from the atmosphere as possible. The technology to do that has not been developed and we have little time to wait for it to be established and perfected. The science tells us we are in a race against time.

Thankfully, a natural carbon capture and storage system already exists and operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for free. It is our forests, both public and private, and the soils that sustain them. Those very same public forests are being logged under the direction of NFS. This agency is destroying one of the few natural carbon capture options we have available regardless of what you may hear from vested interests. We should and **MUST** end logging on our public lands so they can continue the critical work of nature based solutions such as carbon capture and storage undisturbed.