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Science demonstrates letting old growth forests mature is the best way to mitigate for climate change. Old growth protects water resources and provides valuable habitat for wildlife. The best protection for biodiversity and earth's climate is to let forests mature. Science tells us that young forests do not store carbon adequately.

The Forest Service's plan is primarily of benefit to the lumber industry. It is short-sighted and destructive.

Let the Public Forests become old forests for the benefit of all species and earth's climate: This has been mandated by our federal and state governments.