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Comments: The forest service should be protecting forests, not leasing them to loggers. There are plenty of private lands that can be used to produce wood products and we need our forests. Logging can cause destruction that will take years to heal and open the door for invasive species. Public forests can be a place for animals and plants to thrive as well as a place for people. Humans need to be out in nature as it can drastically improve our mental and sometimes physical health. Trees also help to fight global warming because they take in carbon dioxide and produce oxygen. In the state that our environment is in, we cannot afford to cut down more trees, destroying habitats and releasing CO2. Please protect our public forests from logging and keep them in their natural beauty for years to come.