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Comments: It's concerning that the Forest Service is placing the timber volume mandate above other critical forest needs like recreation, forest health, and water quality. By prioritizing timber targets, the agency risks undermining the overall well-being of our forests and the communities that rely on them.

When the Forest Service ignores the overall wellbeing of the forest in favor of devastating mandates the negative impacts are far reaching. Beyond the loss of old growth woods this would also increase the landslide risk, reduce native Flora and provide opportunity for invasive plants to thrive, further endanger the already at risk fauna, and have far reaching ecological impacts. Furthermore, making such long-standing binding agreements guarantees future decisions are not based on the wellbeing of the forest but on upholding egregious mandatas and contracts.