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Comments: Severe wildfires are the greatest threat to our forests, wildlife and communities. We need policies to accelerate forest thinning and other management activities.

Extra bureaucracy won't save our forests-proactive stewardship will. Empower our public lands managers to do their jobs and take care of the forests.

Rather than adding more red tape and litigation to the management of our federal forests, individual national forests should focus on implementing the Wildfire Crisis Strategy through their existing forest plans to achieve desired conditions on these landscapes.

There is a need to be able assess for damages to those individuals or organizations that wrongfully sue and delay legitimate projects.