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Comments: As the Fire Coordinator for the Northern California Fire COOP I've watched hundreds of thousands of acres of old growth forests burn. These fires have killed almost all of the old growth trees within their perimeters. Without a change in our Forest management very few of these old growth trees are going to remain in the next decade. The remaining old trees desperately require fuel reduction around them. An exemption from NEPA To perform this work is required immediately.

Another study is not needed, action is what is needed to save the remaining old growth trees. I can't stress enough how important it is to move forward with a change in our strategy to save the remaining old growth. All it takes is a drive around Northern California and southern Oregon to see that the current strategy is not working.

As a father and grandfather It is so important that the remaining old growth trees are saved for future generations. The current strategy even though it had good intent when it was implemented in the 80s is definitely not working.

I can't stress enough how important it is to get all the parties to the table and come up with a new strategy to save the remaining old growth trees. Once again this needs action now not more studies.

One of the recent fires I was on the Park Fire just burned one of the last remaining old growth forests Mill Creek was lost to fire. It's just another example of how our current strategy doesn't work.

Your work is so important. Please make the correct decisions. Thank you.