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Comments: I am writing this as a person that has spent their entire career(50 years) in the forest industry. I have worked retail, wholesale trading, wholesale distribution, and currently manufacturing. I have witnessed the beauty of old growth forests and realize we need to make every effort to preserve them for future generations.

Over the last 30 years, I have witnessed the devastation caused by wildfires. It has become more acute in the last 20 years. This is the largest threat to these forests. It's not insects, logging, or disease.

It is urgent we take steps to manage these forests. There doesn't need to be layers of bureaucracy and litigation as seems to be standard. Our forests should focus on implementing the Wildfire Crisis Strategy through their existing forest plans to achieve desired conditions on these landscapes. If we don't become pro active, the fires and disease will take our old growth forests.

Thank you for your consideration.