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Comments: We have assisted through the years fire camps across the intermountain region with our Disaster Relief Ministry and the recovery of homes destroyed in fires across the west. I personally grew up in forest management under my father (He told me not to go into that business because it was becoming all political). We are currently, and in past years, experiencing terrible fire seasons due to the lack of a forest management plan that uses our renewal forest to maintain its health.

My experiences in the forests have shown me hundreds of thousands of acres of dead and dying trees due to bugs and overcrowded, unthinned forests. This lack of management has led to hardly any old-growth forests left. This lack of management has caused many of our rural communities to lose thousands of well-paying jobs in the forest industry. This led many of our rural churches to close, leaving communities without a religious church ministering to people's spiritual needs. The lack of healthy forests has led to poor air quality destroying the health of millions of people too.

The lack of a management forest has led our country to depend on other countries for timber to build our homes and buildings. These countries do not care about air quality and healthy forests, which has led to deforestation in areas such as Brazil and China. It is shameful in the name of conservation these environmentalist organizations that our national forest cannot be managed, and timber sales plus thinning projects are held up for decades by these environmentalist groups, leading to a huge backlog of court cases that threaten our judicial branch of the government.

All of this stems from a lack of forest management that prioritizes the forest needs over the political aspirations of those only interested in enriching their environmentalist groups and elitist goals.

The forests are God creation and gift to man. We are to be steward of it. The true conservationists such as my father were not allowed to be the janitors working to make our forest beautiful and healthy environments but instead are stuck on the sidelines watching lawyers of the environmentalist groups enrich themselves and destroy our renewable resource our forests.