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Comments: Now is not the time for more forestry restrictions that further tie the hands of our public land managers, and further restrict the use of active forest management tools to sustain the health and resiliency of our forests.

Responsibly managed forests help increase net carbon dioxide absorption by reducing the risk of mortality caused by catastrophic fire, disease and insects that increase carbon emissions. A range of effective active forest management tools, including timber harvesting, thinning and controlled burns, can also be used to help forests better adapt to changing climate conditions.

Forest management also provides natural wood products that store carbon and serve as sustainable alternatives to more energy-intensive materials. When timber is sustainably harvested, much of that carbon stays in the wood, lumber and other timber products indefinitely.

We don't have to stand by as tree mortality, wildfires and carbon emissions increase. Rather than setting aside more public land from forest management, a better option is to maintain the cycle of forestry- the continuous planting, growing and harvesting- that results in net zero carbon emissions and discourages the conversion of forests to non-forests.