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Comments: Hello,

I served a 450 hour term with Utah Conservation Corps this summer and had the opportunity to work in Bryce Canyon National park alongside the National Parks Service. I am a class A certified sawyer with the USFS and have participated in invasive removal and fuels reduction. I understand that some trees need to be cut. I helped fell trees in BRCA for forest thinning to prevent forest fire spread. The trees we bucked and limbed were sorted into burn piles but some got put aside to be sold as fire wood. I know that taking care of our public lands can sometimes mean going in and removing trees but I must stress how important it is to keep that number as low as possible. Forests are finite and old growth trees even more so. They're old growth because they're old and it takes a long time to grow to those proportions. Deforestation is an issue and will become more of an issue the longer it goes on and the less forest it leaves us with. I feel it is the duty of the Forest Service to protect and nourish our forests and one way that can happen is preventing any absolutely unnecessary deforestation. Please.