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Comments: I am very concerned that a stakeholder process that includes the timber industry will lead to the abuse of the proposed management theory of "proactive stewardship." Once trees are cut they are gone forever. With decreasing rainfall, there is no guarantee that the forests will grow back as they have historically. Are we willing to sacrafice our long term forest health for short term profits? They help to avoid flooding, cool the areas in which they thrive and provide much needed habitat. The best thing for the community and the planet is to protect our forests, especially established areas. Thank you.