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Comments: I support any change in policy that prioritizes preservation of old growth forest over timber production. For too long I feel the Forest Service has struggled to overcome its' traditional bias to logging versus public land management/recreation.

Seeing forests as an extractive resource for money versus a sustainable ecosystem leads to the short term mining of the trees and effective destruction of old growth forests. A political bias against conservation for apparently ideological rather than science based reasons encourages this and prevents change. Fire reduction is now sometimes used as a tactic to maintain extractive logging despite science and public opinion pushing for its decline.

Less clear cutting with selective spot logging would maintain a sustainable and diverse forest.

This is less profitable so would require more funding and lower profits for loggers -maybe higher prices for wood products -not necessarily a bad thing as it would encourage less waste.

Anyway please continue with any policies that preserve old growth forests as a resource for future generations to enjoy and manage.

Thanks

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