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Comments: I am a retired biologist with over thirty years of professional experience. My family owns approximately 100 acres of forested property near Ely. The majority of which they have owned since the 1930's. For over 50 years I have observed the forest service log old growth for saw logs and convert the residual forest to pioneer species in order to meet the demands of pulp wood industry. This mass conversion to aspen etc leaves the entire forest vulnerable to disease, not to mention the disastrous effects it has on biodiversity. Given that climate change is a scientific fact it is not scientifically supportable to continue with current industrial forestry practices. The need is to INCREASE biodiversity not to minimize it. The starting point must be to keep the old growth and mature timber as essential genetic material for reclamation of the remainder of the forest. The remaining old growth and mature forest with their biodiversity must not be logged for industries short term profits.