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Comments: Our public forests are extremely overstocked resulting from a lack of proper management that is leading to catastrophic results, including millions of trees transpiring millions of gallons of water out of existing dry groundwater conditions that will only get worse! Ever increasing severe wildfires are the greatest threat to not only our forests but wildlife populations, increased insect and disease infestations, less healthy air quality, communities along with lives and personal properties. We need clear policies to accelerate effective forest thinning, including logging and other management activities. Over past decades, knowledgeable and esteemed forest scientists haven't agreed upon a clear definition of old growth forests! Adding extra bureaucracy won't save our forests, proactive stewardship will! Empower our public lands managers to do their jobs and take proper care of our forests! Instead of adding more red tape and litigation to the management of our public forests, individual forests should focus on implementing the Wildfire Crisis Strategy through existing forest management laws and plans to achieve desired conditions on these landscapes.

These comments are based on years of scientific and personal management experience!