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standing. We humans seem determined to skin the planet and then wonder why we can't breathe. It is suicidal to cut these trees for short-term gain, making products like toilet paper and decks for our homes. Bamboo, as one example, makes excellent toilet paper and decks. It's time to become forward-thinking and plan for the world at the end of this century by developing alternative products.

Concerning the National Old-Growth Amendment (NOGA), it needs to be made stronger and clearly eliminate loopholes for companies to continue logging. The Earth's future is being decided now, and I fully expect the Forest Service to stand on the side of protecting the portion of our forests that remains.