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Comments: Forest Service,

I find this management plan unconscionable. It is the disrespect that it shows for the unfolding beauty of reality that is most unconscionable -- and emasculate -- about it to me.

I say emasculate because my sense of what a good man is is one who protects and provides. This protection and provision can be pointed in many directions. We have that power to choose.

So what will this plan protect and provide for? It seems to me to provide and protect the profit motive of other men, men who do not live with the trees and who do not care for their depth (of age, roots and community meaning). It protects and provides for consumer goods (paper, charcoal) whose functions can easily -- easily -- be filled by other resources.

If you grew up in an area with trees, did you have a favorite one? Or one that reminds you of your mother, or spouse, or grandfather? Wouldn't it be absurd for me to ask you if you had a favorite charcoal?

I am being precise with my words. I don't want to make loose accusations. Unconscionable -- and I believe a poor choice of direction, for what to protect and provide. As a man, this makes me very, very angry. I hope that you reconsider this management plan, and reflect on what things matter deeply, not quickly.

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