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Comments: Categorizing lumber sales as necessary "vegetation management" is patently false. Forest fires are not caused by an overabundance of trees, especially not mature trees, and it is settled science that tree thinning only serves to dry out forests and increase penetration of pernicious and invasive weeds. The notion that clearcutting 40 acre plots (an action allowed under this project) would be *healthy* for a forest and the animals in it is ludicrous.

I strongly object to this project. It will be ecologically disastrous for the area and only serve to decrease the amount of stored carbon currently held by these mature trees. If the USFS is going to allow logging, it should not be passed off as something that is done for the benefit of forests and those who use them.