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Comments: To whom it may concern,

As far as I know, frequent low-level fires and infrequent high intensity burns have been a regular "cyclical motion" in NW ecosystems, and many of those fires were (and still are) managed by Indigenous stewards.

Especially at this political junction, I'm just a bit skeptical about this sudden turn towards forest thinning for the sake of easing the effects of climate change (i.e. fire).

No matter what, please consider retaining strong protections for trees older than 80 years. Those big douglas firs, as you know, are fire-resistant and also serve as invaluable allies in sequestering carbon. They also keep our waters cool and oxygenated; as a native fish advocate, it's imperative we preserve habitat integrity in our watersheds. We don't have a lot of wiggle room, here. Don't screw this up for our children and our children's children.

All my best,

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