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Comments: I support proper Logging to reduce the risks of wildfires and the prevention erosion in our forests. When we remove a tree we have a responsibility to replace the tree with 1 new tree within the forest that it was removed from to ensure that the forest remains healthy and sustainable. As an added requirement each tree removed must be replaced by at least 3-6 native trees in an offsite forest that needs to be restored. There are many forests that have been damaged or destroyed by fire or erosion. Many forests have invasive species that need to be removed and replaced with native species. Some forests were destroyed by beetles and other invasive species. They too need to be restored with native plants and trees. There are many other issues that have led to many of our forest needing restoration. Requiring Logging companies to work with our Forest Management Officials is the responsible solution to many of our forest's survival. Requiring logging companies to replace trees in the location they are working in and the added requirement of restoring offsite forest that need restoration would put hundreds if not thousands of people to work. Some of this work could be performed by able body inmates wishing to reduce their sentence and pay back society for their crimes rather than sit in a cell all day. Then there are others such as students and volunteers needing work experience who could help to replant and restore our forests. We have many able-bodied Citizens who could return to the workforce that are on Welfare. Instead of sitting at home they could be hired to perform these duties as well. We must look outside the box to come up with a more creative and responsible solution. Doing this is not only good for those working on the project, it is also a tool that generations to come should adopt to solving many of our forest restoration projects.