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Comments: Dear hopefully concerned:

I am absolutely against increased logging in NW forests. Since I believe the administration will never agree to this, I strongly suggest partial cutting if you are truly interested in growing more old growth as you indicate. Not leaving 5 trees per acre, but 50% for shade and wildlife. Is everyone ignoring the fact that new growth forests after clear-cutting are generally considered more prone to fire than mature forests due to the increased amount of flammable vegetation on the ground, exposure to direct sunlight leading to drier conditions, and the presence of dense young trees that can easily ignite and spread flames ? Introducing fire in these areas alters the weather and dries out plants that thrive in humidity. Essentially, clear-cutting creates a high fuel load that can significantly increase wildfire risk which is one reason you give for cutting forests. People are so willing to discount what our older forests do for us...carbon sequestration, oxygen for us to breath, clean water, wildlife. Jobs and money are number one. Too bad for the future, I'm glad I won't be here.