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Comments: Yes, BigLumber's answer to all problems is to log more, more clear cutting etc...

The reality is: even clear cuts burn just as fast as standing forest - take a look at CA over the last decade.

Also noting, that clear cutting only exacerbates climate change - more trees left standing, is more CO2 that is being sucked out of the atmosphere... very very basic science.

W/re jobs created: sorry, but this is all about corporate profits - with automation of mills, the number of added jobs is minimal.

W/re logging communities that have fallen on hard times: teach them 21st century skills would help them far more.

If one wants to make forests less likely to burn, to make communities safer: then reverse the causes and effects of GHG induced climate change... ie, treat causes, not symptoms.

Oh... and did someone forget to mention: National Forests, are forests owned by the people, and as per all property rights, for the pleasure and benefit of the people... not the few, the lumber companies and their shareholders. I am so tired being locked out of using my forests by BigLumber gates... Remember: until WWII, logging was done on private land, and was only allowed on NF land because of special needs to support the war effort, before that NF were not logged by private entities... If BigLumber wants more raw material, let them buy forest land at market value and manage their lands as they see fit, but leave the people's forests alone.

In the mean time: given how many fires are started by arsonists: start chasing them down and prosecuting them in the extreme - making the consequences very obvious to future potential arsonists.