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Comments: To whom it concerns:

Please STOP WASTING our hard-earned taxpayer dollars DESTROYING our forests in Indiana (and everywhere else in this country)!

This project is a complete waste of time, resources, and energy.

Do your job and work to protect, enhance, and restore our forests by primarily LEAVING THEM ALONE. The only truly healthy forests, as I'm sure you know from your forestry studies and experience in the field, are ANCIENT, OLD-GROWTH forests that are left alone and protected from abuse, lovingly cared for, and respected for what they are: home to all living beings, air filters, smog reducers, climate mediators, oxygen producers, and awe-inspiring, beautiful ecosystems.

PLEASE find ways to convince Congress and those who fund the U.S. Forest Service to pour money into animal and human-centered attractions, conservation, climate solutions, and beautification --- NOT CUTTING, BURNING, and otherwise DEGRADING the forest lands upon which we all depend for a healthy future on this planet.

I am 100% OPPOSED TO THIS BUFFALO SPRINGS PROJECT and I am backing the Indiana Forest Alliance, Heartwood, Protect Our Woods, and every other organization and human being that is determined to STOP THIS PROJECT from moving forward.

Please explain to me how this Buffalo Springs project fits within your mission: "The mission of the Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations," and your motto: "Caring for the Land and Serving People." Cutting down native trees, burning the forest, and spraying it with pesticides DOES NOT FULFILL YOUR MISSION OR MOTTO.

We have precious little time left to protect our planet from climate change and to secure this planet for future generations. This project accomplishes the opposite: wasting time and resources that would be much better spent on solutions to the climate emergency that we ALL face.

Plus, your underpriced and under-valued projects that aim to cut our forests undermine, out-compete, and rip off the private forest landowners in Indiana and around the country who produce more than enough timber, pulp, and other wood/forest products.

Please stop this madness and get to work on something you can be proud of.

Sincerely, on behalf of my children and their children's children of the future,

Mike