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Comments: The insanity of this system appears never-ending. At the same time that climate change fueled fires are sweeping across populous areas of California, the USFS is planning on cutting 7-800 acres of forest they rhemselves have classified as old growth.

Every single forest ecologist recognizes that old growth forests sequester tremendously significant amounts of atmospheric carbon. The USFS continues to cling to outdated forest management plans, practices, and continues to ignore both modern science and the voice of the people.

Government continues to demonstrate an utter disregard of its responsibility to represent the citizens of the United States, and provide protections for the planet.

Link: https://e360.yale.edu/features/why-keeping-mature-forests-intact-is-key-to-the-climate-fight