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Comments: The recent fires in the North State here have painfully demonstrated how badly forest management is needed before another devastating fire breaks out. Whether lightning or arson - a timber lease with mature tree select harvest, fire breaks and slash piles getting burned off periodically will reduce fuel loads, aid in firefighter access roads and support healthy, disease-free forest growth.

Uninformed people opposing timber leases need to understand the choice is selective logging or burning to ash. Managed forests are healthy forests. Log it, graze it, enjoy it. There's no recreation in burn scar.