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Comments: I strongly oppose cutting funding to the spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis*) program along with cutting funding to all other United States Forest Service research and development. I also strongly oppose any threats being taken towards eliminating the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). I used to work for the US Forest Service and during my time in this position I saw the importance of NEPA in preserving habitat for the spotted owl as well as other rare and endangered animal, plant, and fungal species on our public lands. I understand the need and economic importance of having timber sales in order to produce revenue and renewable resources for our federal agencies and our economy, however these timber sales should NEVER occur without first going through the proper steps to fulfill the NEPA requirements. We need to figure out a way to improve the NEPA process, not eliminate it.