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Comments: I urge you not to exploit our national forests for short term gain. These forests are important for our Heritage, Heritage of native peoples, carbon storage for climate change and to protect many species that are critical to the survival of food chains and ultimately humans. Old growth forests in particular are now rare and the remainder of them must be preserved. They serve as inspiration for many people and habitat for so many species. I have hiked in these forests in Montana, and in Washington and they are our natural Heritage. Selling them off benefits only a few while protecting them serves all of the American people. To be patriotic is to protect our heritage.