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Comments: I am deeply troubled by the logging of 80- to 120-year-old trees-these are exactly the trees a maturing forest needs to serve as vital carbon sinks in our climate-changing world and to sustain healthy ecosystems.

Even more concerning, this logging appears to be a "foot in the door" for widespread overcutting, leading to habitat destruction, erosion, salmon loss, increased wildfire risks, and the permanent loss of cherished natural areas. These forests are irreplaceable-not just for their ecological value but also for the mental and emotional well-being of those who visit them.

Relying on timber revenue to fund communities and education is an outdated and unsustainable economic strategy. It comes at the cost of the last remnants of America's forests, with devastating long-term consequences. We must shift away from this extractive model and develop new ways to provide jobs and support schools-ways that do not compromise our future.

Continuing to log these forests only delays the inevitable transition to a sustainable economy while leaving behind irreversible environmental damage. We must not be short-sighted. Instead, we must commit to protecting our forests while also supporting human communities.

It is a tall order, but a necessary one.

To be clear: YES to tribal involvement. NO to increased logging.

Thank you.