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Comments: I am writing to express concern over recent plans to cut trees 80 to 100 years old to modernize forests. Understanding the concern for wild fires, it would seem these are trees we should be protecting not cutting, as we modernize forests. Old growth trees cannot be replaced. The modern forest industry does not need to rely on old growth for its needs. Modern forestry has the ability to function in a sustainable manner. This is one of its claims to fame. Old growth trees are not the primary cause of wild fires. Human carelessness is to blame in most cases.

Please do not sacrifice an irreplaceable resource in the name of "progress". Old growth trees are protecting our future.

YES to Tribal involvement. Note increased logging.

Thank you for your time.