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Comments: Back in 1992 I visited the Pacific Northwest with a group of Irish Foresters.I am now retired but a lot has changed since 1992 in Oregon State and beyond. Climate change and global warming is have a major impact globally. More droughts, more flooding, more wildfires, more erosion make forest management all the more challenging. My main question is how do we mitigate against the aforementioned. It requires thinking outside the box, a visionary approach viz a via CCF continuous cover forestry to protect against erosion. protect biodiversity, protect wildlife, protect fisheries, protect water quality CCF mitigates against wildfires as the slash after clear felling substantially increases the risk of damage by fires particularly during lightning strikes.

My second point the importance of the EIA environmental impact assessment which should involve visiting areas several times in order to fine tune the strategies in the EIA as the areas involved are so large that one size fits all in my view is inadequate.