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Comments: It greatly saddens me to hear that the monetary benefit, resource value of the Lost River area is outweighing the implicit, altruistic natural value of the place. This area not only is home to thriving natural ecosystems but serves as a place of refuge and sanctuary for many, such as myself, in the area. By allowing for the commercial logging and clear cutting of this area, not only will the beauty and thriving nature of this environment be compromised, but the area at large, specifically downstream of the Pemigewasset watershed, will be harmed and disturbed by runoff pollutants and the inevitable erosion resulting from this destruction. I ask that when making decisions such as this, that you look beyond the monetary value of a place and towards the future impacts of your actions. The benefits of any action need to be weight against the future explicit and social costs; destroying beloved forests and ecosystems will inevitably place the burdens onto future generations and, if preventative actions are not taken now, the snowball effect of this local deforestation will lead to other regions of this state to face the same fate.