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Comments: The misguided assumption that these mature forests must be manipulated mechanically to be healthy is counterproductive, and is leading to disastrous climate change. The highest use of these forests is as carbon sinks, not fodder for lumber mills. Many wildlife and insect species depend on either standing dead trees or rotting trees on the ground. Among numerous other damages, even temporary roads cause runoff that makes streams uninhabitable by aquatic species, and degrade water quality.

As a forestry major and wildlife management minor in graduate school at Colorado State University, and a veteran of 36 years of service in national parks from sea to sea, I have continued to follow the science that enables wise use of our natural resources. I see no evidence that the proposed actions are guided by peer-reviewed forest ecology.

I'm reminded of a phrase of advice to medical students: "First, do no harm." That is my advice to you.