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Comments: I am writing today to voice my adamant and full force disapproval for the Lost River Integrated Resource Project. National Forests are our collective responsibility to protect for current and future generations. Clear cutting as a practice is environmentally unsound in so many ways it boggles the mind that we must keep repeating the ways over and over again. It gives a person the distinct impression that these public comment periods are meant not to listen to the public, but to give the appearance of listening to the public. When 100's of comments are opposed to a project, that project should be halted. The Forests need to be protected at all costs. For commercial logging, go to privately held lands. We need the trees to stay standing, especially the old growth. The majority of the areas slated for this project are in roadless areas. Imagine! We still have actual wild lands. Logging these areas is insanity. It threatens the habitat for wild life, water quality and flood mitigation. There needs to be a moratorium on logging in roadless areas! We need to protect these wild places, permanently. Look to the "Forever Wild" example of NY's Adirondack Park lands for a successful and brilliant model.
Releasing 72,123 metric tons of CO2eq from above-ground carbon pools does in no way make the forests more resilient to the changing climate. To imply it does is the worst kind of lie: one that results in pain and suffering for our kids and their kids. We need to be doing everything we can to reverse global warming instead of the cut and run with the money trend currently happening with modern robber barons stealing from us. Old growth trees cannot be replaced. Stop the project.