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Comments: As a Butte native and an avid outdoorsman for the last 60 years, I am strongly opposed the extensive commercial logging of this area. I grew up hiking and fishing in this area, and I know there is little timber value and even temporary roads will only add granitic sediment to the area streams. The time for increasing pest resistance is, unfortunately, long past. The only proper way to address the dead and down vegetation is by controlled burns and not the extraction of the limited amount of standing, pest resistant timber. No matter what the executive orders say, you can't sell timber to private companies that won't even bid on timber sales, especially when there is no local mill to deliver it too. Commercial logging in this area is simply a bad idea for the forest and for the taxpayers. There are better ways to treat the deteriorated conditions in this area to meet the important goals of forest resilience and health.