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Comments: I am deeply concerned that The Forest Service is under pressure to harvest timber and is using the publics fear of wildfire as a smoke screen for cutting those trees. My other concern is that the carbon print to send these logs over the Cascades to distant lumber mills is unconscionable when we should be addressing our long term goals to minimize climate change due to combustion engines.

So money for wildfire protection of towns and outlying homes (wildland fire interspace) should be used to harden homes and directly adjacent lands from the much more intense fires we have seen this century. Thinning forest further from homes does not necessarily help with fire control, in fact there is much evidence that the fires will move faster when wind driven than in a dense forest. Fire season has gotten longer recently and fire behavior has increased with drier fuels, warmer weather so I feel as though the Forest Service is praying upon our fear of fire and is actually making it more dangerous for us to face future fire events.