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Comments: Thank You very much for the opportunity to comment on this project.

It is important for we humans to manage our relationships with our forests mindfully. They provide us with fresh air, beauty, healing environments, and, of course, lumber for building. They also provide an environmental matrix for numberless other living beings.

What stands out for me most is the approach that this suggested 'timber' project makes no reference to the trees to be felled as living, sentient entities. As well, these living entities exist in a complex bioregional ecological matrix and that this entire matrix that has evolved over millions of years is also alive and very well organized for its purpose. This really demands honoring. We know, for example, that forests in Germany used as spas/healing spaces, for 'forest bathing,' that are a conscious focus for groups of meditators often have a more vibrant atmosphere, than forests with whom no one is consciously focused or interacting in caring loving ways. The Black Forest is renowned in this regard. We might say it is radiant in its embodiment of the Philosphere. Are we paying this kind of attention to the Twin Peaks forest, or are we simply looking at the living trees as a resource to extract, without consciously considering the inherent (not only monetary) value of their lives? And what are the plans to replenish the population?

Next, are there plans to consciously communicate with and ask the trees for permission to take their lives? This is a key to an Indigenous approach to interfacing with the natural matrix in which we are embedded, the honorable harvest that Robin Wall Kimmerer shares so wisely and eloquently with us.

(<https://www.YouTube.com/watch?v=cEm7gblax0o>)

If You aren't familiar with how to communicate with trees, please let me know. I can offer suggestions.

Finally, however You might go forward, I suggest extremely cautious care with 'burn piles.' It would be preferable in some places to leave the remains to decay naturally, in other locations burning may certainly be a better option. Tune into the geography and ask for guidance.

Most importantly, however You move forward, it must be done consciously, relationally, with Love and respect for these tree relatives, our elders, some of whom have been on Earth for nearly 400 million years. They possess an intelligence beyond our ken.

Again, thanks so much for the opportunity to comment.