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Comments: I am a 70 year-old man who, along with the family of four have enjoyed many of the national parks in our beautiful country. I've long considered myself a steward of the many blessings that we have here in the United States. One of those blessings is the untouched areas of the country that are teeming with wildlife and support their survival which directly correlates to our survival. I continue to enjoy the beauty of nature from several vantage points. I believe we have an obligation to all of our people's to protect and preserve the wild areas left in our country. I am deeply concerned about President Trump's opening vast areas of land and water for exploitation. Whether it be oil extraction or timber extraction. There are plenty of places within Alaska and other states that are already available for these activities. While the need for Lumber and fuel are certainly real, so is the need for wildlife, clean air, nature, and clean water. From nuclear disasters, massive oil spills, industrial waste pollution, climate change in massive forest fires the need for protecting our wild lands has never been greater.

I am strongly opposed to opening any parts of the national forest to additional extraction of resources. I believe we should manage these areas for preservation so our children and grandchildren and future generations will have the opportunities to explore and enjoy these grand places as I have done in my life and continue to do.

Thank you.