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Comments: Why is cutting down 60 million board ft of old growth necessary when they are the trees that are not only protected in other states, but also vital towards ecosystems. These trees are not dying. They are harty and strong living past 800 years old and being as tall as 200ft. Doing this will not only destroy the project location, but also the area surrounding it; including the water table. There are not many places left in the US that virgin old growth forests exist. Some countries don't have them at all! Some countries don't even have trees at all!

Someof the guiding principles of this project according to the final cover letter were to "Improve aquatic and terrestrial habitat conditions in past project areas, and develop a range of recreation opportunities to meet public demand over approximately 15years." (Nelson, 1/15/2026) Surely cutting down old growth is not vital for these goals. It is even contradictory to this statement when they are really already doing everything the job requirements stated and more.

Young growth trees can be cut without much consequence to clear space to improve access, and improve waterways through natural damming if needed.

SHAME on you and this administration for even bringing this plan close to fruition. The national forest system came to existence to protect these places we take pride in. Way to conserve anything BUT the enviroment. It's a shame that there isn't widespread awareness about this issue. The whole country is tired and is dealing with so many heinous things at the same time that proposals like this get snuck under the rug with no consequences.