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To support the president in his request for such a massive timber harvest across our nation does not reflect the state of the present economy. I foresee harvested logs left in lumber yards, deteriorating and going to waste. To follow the direction of a person that has, I am sure, never walked in a natural wooded landscape, and is quoted saying, to prevent wildland fires, the forest floor should be "raked" or "cleaned," is senseless, and devastatingly sad.

Safeguarding Yellowstone National Park's shadow ecosystem is essential for upholding the purpose of this 154-year-old protected area. As the park visitation grows, we need to provide supportive areas for recreation and wildlife habitat. The proximity of this 4,401-acre designated logging proposal is too massive and should be reconsidered.

Timber harvest must take place in an intelligent, science-backed direction. It should not be to fill an ambiguous quota. We need to consider the needs of future generations, not just the profits of a current few. The Eagle, Bear, Palmer, and Jardine area should have more focus on protecting the watershed, supporting wildlife, and recreational activities than an emphasis on timber harvest.

Please protect the people's resource and nature's buffer zone of the largest natural landscape in the United States. Let it be in the hands of intelligent guardians. Do not be blindly reckless. There is no "emergency action" needed.