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Comments: National Forests were set aside to allow for the preservation of sections of our beautiful country to be preserved as they were and often to work on reacquiring old growth which takes centuries. They will have blowdowns and that is natural and the goal. Blowdowns should never be used as an excuse to lumber; that is an excuse for profit to the wealthy and not for the Nation and its citizens. There must be some habitat left for creatures other than humans to survive. Creatures cannot survive on chopped-up bits of forest.

At this point, there is no shortage of oil and gas in the world although there are artificially elevated prices due to political activities. There is no need to destroy our remaining National Forests for oil and gas. They are just easy targets and inexpensive to acquire the rights to and adding those rights to the inventories of multi-national corporations for use into the future puts these areas at infinite risk. There are oil rigs across this country and in the seas that were to have been cleaned up and removed but are trash left by powerful, greedy, and irresponsible oil conglomerates. That is what will happen to our Forests and National Preserves if they are leased for oil, gas, and mining. In addition, the profits from these activities will accrue to multi-national corporations-not American citizens to whom they belong.

This is not American; it diminishes our country and our Heritage; and it will destroy the treasures our ancestors set aside to preserve the glory of this great country. Allowing the plundering and pillage of our National Preserves is a shame on our country and those agreeing to it.