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Comments: I object to this R10 TNF TBRD Twin Mountain II Timber Sale #301827.

The reason is that the reason for this 'sale' is to employ some people and obtain old growth wood for building homes. That alone is not sufficient reason to destroy rare old growth forests.

When I visit the local lumber yards, the wood is typically young growth, with pulp between widely separated growth rings. It is weak and subject to warpage and splitting. Old growth has 20+ rings per inch, is long and straight, very uniform and great for building. One must assume that these trees are aimed to please high wealth projects. How does it make sense to employ people to destroy old growth forest, simply to build 100 year nests for the affluent?

I read that old growth timber is very important for the fabric of forest life. Removing giant timber tends to crush the young growth if it exists nearby. And, the root structure is important for the web of life that brings nutrients to the surface. It makes more sense to pay the local workers to preserve the forest, not destroy it.

When I look at satellite images of the area to be destroyed, I see the nearby areas that have been clear cut as well as the heavily forested target areas. In the local, national, and global picture, there is no commentary of where this project fits into the story of life on earth. What I see is what was once a pristine island where the natural life is being torn apart to please a species of ape that ignores the scheme of life on earth, and doesn't even consider the consequences of its destructive actions.