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During this time of Climate Change, where the world has reached it's hottest temperatures on record for the last two years, this would not be a time to increase logging. Standing forests are carbon storage champions and old growth forests suck up even more carbon. When forests are logged there is a multitude of ways carbon is released. Giant piles of slash are piled and burned in the wetter parts of the year, releasing much smoke and carbon into the atmosphere and wasting vast quantities of biomass. Logging has a negative impact on the environment, think clean water and loss of wildlife. The government should not be in the business of propping up the timber industry. To often the timber sale would not make economic sense to the industry if not for government assistance - road building etc. These lands belong to all of us—not just the timber barons.

The forests are our shared treasure - don't ruin our heritage.