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My family I and support this bill for many reasons. Too many years of no management has made the terrible fires we have year after year harder to fight! Not cleaning up the forest floor and thinning for better growth is criminal.

We are very lucky in our green state that trees are abundant, but it could be so much better.

My dad served our military, and then worked in the timber industries for his entire life,. He gave our family a nice life, It wasn't with out a fight, because he was kept out of the woods many times because of the "spotted owl". What do you think happens to our wildlife when the forests burn? They get trapped and die! Where is the outrage for our wildlife?

We need to manage our forests, and STOP this "let it burn " attitude. We have missed opportunities for great jobs for the industry. Logging crews, fallers, choker setters, truck drivers, skidder opperators, saw mills, paper mills you name it. We cut our logs and ship them overseas to be brought back in finished lumber. We even have closed mills that produce paper. Bring our jobs back, bring our healthy forests back and stop letting them burn!