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Dear National Forest Service,

I commend you on putting forward a framework to plan use of our National Forests. I am also aware that there are

political aims at work here, too, as in most governmental programs. It will be hard to be free of bias. We have a large, vocal, contingent of environmentalist groups--many of which I agree with and do good work. However, when

you talk about "science-based" planning with "climate change" in mind, I hope you will bear in mind that there are many disagreements presently about the role of human civilization on the climate. The fact is--we just are not absolutely sure.

Rather than ban certain uses the Forests are being put to now, I think that you should consider slowly decreasing certain activities which may be "harmful" such as logging and mining--perhaps phasing them out, if feasible over 50-75 years. Since support of the Forest Service by the citizenry is important, I think every effort should be made to make our forests maximally accessible to all. Human use of the forest does have detrimental effects as we know--unintended trails, erosion, pollution, etc. This must somehow be balanced by the publics access.

I also hope you will write into the plan a "science" committee, which can review the scientific progress every 5 or 10 years to adjust the plan as new information is available. Of course, this should be a non-political group of scientists, perhaps from the Forest Service as well as from the Agricultural Colleges in our states on a regional basis.

I also hope the Forest Service will write into the plan their intention and mandate to conduct their own land-use research to better inform it on "best practices" for various uses--hunting, camping, hiking, industrial uses, watershed preservation, hunting, etc.

In summary, this is a wonderful opportunity. Please do not use it for political or secular purposes, but with the intention of finding out how many more people can use the National Forests in harmony with best practices, and with an eye toward making a goal of increasing local jobs.

Thank you.

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