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By exacerbating the climate crisis, "thinning" forests makes increased wildfires more likely. As the New York Times just reported, "Restoring Forests Could Help Put a Brake on Global Warming." It is time for the Forest Service to protect forests, not destroy them.

The Naranjo Fire now going on is an example of the problems with the current Forest Service approach. The official Forest Service report states:

The Naranjo Fire is being managed for multiple resource benefits, such as: improve forest health, reduce fuel loadings and improve wildlife habitat for elk and deer.

Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease are encouraged to take precautionary measures.

Fire affects everyone trying to breathe the air, not just a few "smoke-sensitive individuals" and not just humans. The climate crisis has exacerbated the extinction crisis, which affects all wildlife, not just the deer and elk which the Forest Service regards as a "resource" for hunters.

All "thinning" projects should be stopped until there is a full Environmental Impact Statement review which takes into account the full impact of the climate crisis.

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