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Never before have we been faced with such a critical choice: Do we continue down the same path for the sake of perceived jobs, revenues and forest "health", or do we step back and contemplate our future. How we manage or mismanage our forests has never been more important than today. The bottom line: The No Tree Left Behind approach is not working. Healthy vibrant forests are now absolutely essential for our air, water and future. BLM in particular needs to realize this, for allowing profit only interests to log 'our' forests is not working.

A successful plan is so easy it remains a mystery as to why it has not yet been initiated vs. being rejected year after year. The NSA or Natural Selection Alternative is not only profitable but long term and actually healthy, while being sustainable, in a real and valid sense of the word.

A new and innovative approach would be for BLM to implement Natural Selection and in so doing end this debate once and for all. Natural Selection would make BLM the saving grace of our forest future by simply adopting such a plan, testing it, and thereby maintaining not only profits but a healthy forest at the same time. The scope and scale would be ongoing.

Natural Selection in and of itself manages the mix of old, mid-aged and young forests on BLM lands. In doing so NSA also provides for the health of fish and wildlife habitats and therefore no species would ever be endangered.

Natural Selection would automatically be protecting property and ensuring fire resilience at the same time, while in turn protecting our creeks, streams and rivers, as well as our local and invaluable water resources.

As for recreation opportunities, a healthy forest remains healthy if respected as such. Adding more recreational "opportunities" make zero sense. Recreational forests and healthy forests is a dichotomy in and of itself. The two do not mix, nor should we attempt to do so. The recreation of a healthy forest comes with being able to experience one as it is.

A healthy forest in and of itself serves and supports local economies.

Healthy forests automatically draw revenue producing tourists to a given state or area. With those tourists come the revenues to support local businesses from hotels and restaurants to the galleries and gift shops. No other factor serves as a better tourist draw and in turn revenue producer for local and state economies than a healthy vibrant environment for tourists to come to. The added blessing of course being that locals too can now enjoy their own healthy environment.

The Natural Selection choice is not only easy to administer, but provides for and protects our forests long term future.

The Natural Selection Alternative is the only solution that will accomplish every single aspect of a healthy and profitable forest initiative, forever.