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To mandate that 70% of the forest be managed for timbering is so wrong headed. Protecting the ecological integrity and biological diversity so unique to this area should be the top priority. My familiarity with these mountains goes back 50 years - just the amount of steep slopes should make that 70% impossible. So why? To prioritize exploiting the economic resource? The wealth of natural heritage areas, remaining old-growth, back country roadless areas, all contribute so much more than logging ever can. They themselves provide much needed economic value to the local communities - they attract visitors and businesses that provide needed economic diversity.

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"Where is the Life we have lost in living?  
Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge?  
Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?  
The cycles of Heaven in twenty centuries  
Brings us farther from God and nearer to the Dust."

- T.S. Eliot, from "The Rock"