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Our forests are the lungs of our earth and mindful support is occasionally needed. Too much action can be as harmful as withholding mindful support. If I may draw a parallel.

I developed pneumonia a number of years back. Dr. A pulled out the big guns with an injection, prescribed antibiotics, steroids, inhalers, etc. I became worse. I had to return to the clinic and all of my symptoms at that point were attributed to the side effects of the treatment plan. Dr B offered a more conservative treatment plan, a more mindful treatment plan of rest, fluids, and if any of my original symptoms crept back up, then we would rethink how to best address them. As I left the nurse indicated that the two doctors both wanted the same outcome for me, yet a mindful approach is usually a better treatment to initially calling out the big guns.

Please let's take a conservative, mindful approach to this proposed plan for our forests. Do not write a blank prescription with this project as proposed. Please slow down, work in segments, address work in area specific needs. Giving carte blanche now, pulling out the big guns initially, may have the unnecessary outcome of treating unintended side effects for generations to come.