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Professional Reliance is a utopian vision in our profit based industry.

In my opinion there is too much reliance on professional individuals making decisions based on unreliable or insufficient data, wonderful pictures from satellites and poor ground work. The pressure to allow cutting on questionable timber lands is immense. Let there be no doubt that this is not an easy balancing act.

I like clarity and a clear decision making parameter outside the reliance on present professionals reviews. There has to be a professional oversight by non-industry and independent consultants. Hence, nothing will be cut, build or forgotten without the involvement and signing by a Forest Service professional that has personally been on the ground, understands all the issues and has no problem making a clear "forestry" decision without personal financial concern. The way it used to be, but improved and timely. No fox in the chicken pen!

Without a neutral and professional body we will continue to struggle with our long term forest objectives.

Tuum est!



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