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As required by law you will soon ~~XX~~ announce a/<sup>tentative</sup> list of wilderness  
of <sup>11</sup> study areas ~~XX XXXXX~~ ~~XX~~ million acres selected from nearly 1,500  
totaling roadless areas/56 million acres. From the point of view of wilderness  
preservation this quantity is woefully inadequate. <sup>The inventory</sup> ~~IX~~ has been made  
hastily within the ~~past~~ <sup>it</sup> year and a half whereas the ~~XXXX~~ should have  
been under way since the wilderness law was enacted. The apparent  
reason for not including more ~~XXXX~~ roadless land in the wilderness study  
areas is to permit ~~XX~~ its exploitation for logging. With the new policy  
of the Forest Service encouraging clear cutting, forests once logged  
in mountainous country where <sup>severe</sup> erosion will ensue ~~XXXX~~ <sup>will</sup> not return to  
a productive condition for hundreds of years, if ever. The high rate of  
timber harvesting at present practiced is necessitated not by domestic  
consumption but to supply logs and lumber for Japan. This use is not  
<sup>in</sup> ~~XX~~ our best national interest.

For these reasons I believe that the entire 56 million acres of  
~~XXXXXX~~ de facto wilderness should be protected by wilderness  
classification as a reserve for the future and not be squandered for  
improvident immediate exploitation.