

COMMENT LETTER: NATIONAL OLD GROWTH PROPOSAL #65356

As the Forest Service has determined that wildfire, insects, and disease are the most significant threats to old growth, this only underscores the need for forest management and not “preservation” to protect old growth forests. I am opposed to the Forest Service’s proposal to amend all 128 Land Management Plans through a single Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). A normal EIS takes years to develop and developing one in less than a year means voices won’t be heard, science won’t be followed, and a Washington, D.C. directive will once again force the poor management of our National Forests.

The best decisions are made at the local level with input from the local public along with engagement from the Forest Service. As forests are unique, a one size fits all amendment will not accomplish anything except adding red tape to an already long process in managing our forests. Although individual plan revisions and amendments will take time to develop, they will serve the forest much better than a “rushed” through approach.

Thank you for accepting this comment letter.