PO Box 824 Durango, CO 81302 September 20, 2024

Dear USFS,

I am writing to comment on Amendments to Land Management Plans to Address Old-Growth Forests Across the National Forest System: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Old Growth National Amendment (FRN 65356).

This document does not make the essential commitment to protect all large trees that qualify as MOG from logging. There is no excuse for logging large trees that are seriously deficient already. Please change the document to require protection of <u>all</u> large trees from intentional logging by people. There should be <u>no</u> local discretion allowing logging of large trees.

Sincerely,

Dr. William L. Baker