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Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

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Dear Secretary Vilsack,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Intent for Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions across the National Forest System. As an avid outdoor recreationist, I want to share my strong support for the proposed plan amendment, which I believe will simultaneously benefit outdoor recreation, climate, healthy watersheds, and biodiversity. Opportunities to experience old growth forests are one of the reasons I visit National Forests. These protections can also help protect forests in the face of climate change, and preserve water and air quality for everyone.

As you continue developing the plan amendment, I encourage you to more clearly articulate where, and under what conditions this plan amendment applies. I also would like to see outdoor recreation more thoroughly integrated into the proposed plan components. And, as someone invested in the ongoing forest planning process, I would like to make sure the proposed amendments don't slow down the forest plan revision process.

Thank you.

Attachment: Forest Service Climate Resilience.pdf - is the letter text above and a list of the 838 signatories on this petition.