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Comments: Please support, approve, and effectively implement the strongest possible protections for old growth and mature forests. These forests are incredibly important to help respond to the rapidly worsening climate and extinction crises. These forests sequester harmful atmospheric carbon, sustain healthy watersheds and ecosystems, and provide indispensable habitat for many endangered and threatened species. I concur with the relevant information in the attached report. The forest plan revisions should be designed to reverse these described threats. And when the forest plans are revised, the decisions should be specific enough to be measurable so that their implementation can be properly monitored. Forest supervisors and district rangers are often biased toward logging so their discretion under the decisions should be narrow and limited. Increased levels of transparency and accountability will be critically important. Many good policies and decisions are ignored or circumvented by regressive land managers. This must not be allowed to continue. Thank you very much for this work and for considering my input.

ATTACHMENT: Mature and Old Growth Forests Threats Analysis.pdf Mature and Old-Growth Forests: Analysis of Threats on Lands Managed by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management in Fulfillment of Section 2(c) of Executive Order No. 14072