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Comments: The Forest Service has access to professional forestry data of all kinds and can answer the questions about defining old-growth forests, the characteristics of such trees and the forests they compose, the effects of specific ecological conditions on old-growth trees, and the kinds of forests that might be excluded from the definition that is determined.

As a concerned citizen, I urge the USFS to make the most inclusive categories possible so as to maximize the old-growth forests on our public lands. Let's put actual policy and real actions to work to make the President's pledge to maximize old-growth protection effective and enduring.