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Comments: Old growth forests are vital to the health of out planet. They remove carbon from the atmosphere and store it safely, they provide habitat for numerous species of wildlife, they filter and thereby purify drinking water as well as hold back flooding rains that impact the West, they provide solace for outdoor enthusiasts in a time when nature seems to be under attack from all quarters. Therefore, we encourage the USFS to permanently end ALL logging in ALL old growth stands of trees on USFS lands. The USFS shouldn't just save "old" trees, but should save old-growth ecosystems entirely. We have pushed nature to the breaking point, and by saving the last stands of our old growth forests we will show future generations that we took our stewardship role seriously. Preserving growth forests offers us the chance to renew our commitment to doing the right thing for ourselves, for our children and for future generations.