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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I am concerned that the world has changed drastically, but the Forest Service and the NEPA process have not. Not at all.

You ask people for help defining mature and old-growth forest, but you give them no mature forest to experience and draw from.

As agencies, the USFS and BLM have zero appreciation for the importance of small businesses that rely on a healthy old, stable, resilient landscape.

There are businesses seeking to embrace older forest settings which you know nothing about.

This is your Fail.

The business world is more than simply timber production and Recreation for those of privilege.

It is the agencies that are obliged to engage.

Invitations are not enough.

And your choice of "acceptable" science is arbitrary over the past centuries.

You know that many best practices are simply not held in favor by government agencies.

This your ability to engage in discussions with an open mindset is flawed.

Managing Land is different from managing a Forest.

There is a spiritual component that your science is not built to comprehend.

And this failing leaves the realm of mental health completely unaddressed.

You know this. And yet you push on.

As you have always done.

Time for others to get involved, and time for the government agencies to evolve.

There is no time any more for flawed, broken processes.

Thank you.