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Comments: To Forest Service:

I strongly support the plan to protect and steward old growth forests and old growth trees and especially to "recruit future old growth conditions". Old growth forests are critically important to sequester large amounts of carbon that would otherwise increase climate change, to filter and protect our water supplies, to provide habitat and protection for endangered and threatened animals and plants, and to provide opportunities for human recreation and spiritual sustenance. Old growth trees should never be cut down. Gary Bailey