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Comments: I am a professional forester (CT CFP#1252) with a Bachelor's (BS, University of Connecticut, 2013) and a Master's (MF, Yale University, 2019) in forestry, and I support the proposed action. I am pleased to see the thorough, thoughtful analysis and consideration the agency has dedicated to this topic. The agency's recognition of the place-based, dynamic, variable nature of old-growth forests is wonderfully stated. I agree completely with the proposed guidelines aimed at requiring each management unit to consider the state of old-growth forests therein and take all reasonable steps to ensure their survival into the future. I also support the direction to improve recruitment, redundancy, resilience, functionality, and integrity of old-growth forests according to the best science available. I believe it is important to make informed decisions about each of these unique areas separately and treat them all individually. Thank you for making such thoughtful remarks and recommendations, the US Forest Service continues to be an incredible resource to our nation!