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Comments: It is great that the Forest Service is acknowledging the importance of old-growth forests. However, if you are failing to protect mature forests. It seems you are also planning to allow continued logging of old-growth forests for a number of bogus reasons, as written in:

https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2023-27875.pdf

The proposed amendment provides a framework for strategic conservation, and proactive stewardship and management, to mitigate risks [i.e., logging] across a range of forest conditions to both maintain and intentionally develop old-growth forest conditions, [i.e., through logging] where feasible given climate impacts, and within the context of the multiple-use mandate that guides management of the National Forest System. It's insistence on logging for fire purposes, for example, are based on wrong assumptions. It has been shown that logging increases the risk of fires. Wind tunnels are created when forests are logged that greatly increase the spread of the fires.

Please finish the job and Demand stronger protections for forests, one of our most powerful climate solutions.