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Comments: I don't believe the current national forest plan amendment goes far enough to protect our old growth trees. Old growth trees are most resilient to fire when left alone, not thinned. Old growth forests store carbon and protect us from climate change. They are also the home to endangered wildlife and to clean water supplies. I urge the authors of the plan to read Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer and consider the emotional and spiritual value old growth forests provide to humanity, not simply their commercial use. thank you!