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Comments: To Whom it May Concern:

I am excited to see you are working to protect old growth forests. However, I would like to see the language in this land management plan changed to protect the old growth FOREST not just old growth TREES. The trees are part of the forest as a greater whole, and it's the whole that needs protection, as a mitigation against carbon emissions, as habitat, and as a treasure of our beautiful country.

Also, science supports leaving old growth forests to reemerge from fires on their own, so logging after fires should also be banned.

Thank you for protecting these precious and irreplaceable natural treasures.

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