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Comments: To protect our nation's resources and natural habitats, the plan must ban all logging in old growth forests, not just limit cutting of old growth trees within those forests. There must be no thinning allowed, as the natural processes of forests will make them more resilient to our ever-changing world. This proposal must also protect mature forests, not just old growth forests.

The forest plan needs to protect not only our existing stocks of old growth forests, but also our nation's mature forests. There is VERY LITTLE old growth left in the U.S. (<4% nationwide; much less in the east). Mature forests (120-150 years old) are the ultimate key to success. The plan needs to protect mature forests to recover old growth and to ensure that our forests are/can be a natural climate solution.

Enough old growth has been lost to logging, and that the new policies must effectively protect all old growth forests, as well as the mature forests, of our National Forest system.