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Comments: I am encouraged by the proposal to increase protections for old growth forests, especially the forests in the Idaho wilderness areas, the Cabinet Yaak ranges of NW MT and Idaho border. These proposed measures should not create any new roads or thin the forests, except in the immediate surroundings of existing roads. Thank you for the measures to expand ecosystem resilience and carbon capture by existing naturals systems that have been efficiently providing value to humanity and speciation.