Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/12/2024 3:44:16 AM First name: Rachel Last name: Youens Organization: Title: Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

As I have seen on the news, many of the fires we have been witnessing - in the west, in Canada and in Brazil have taken place in degraded ecosystems, where the diverse forests have been demolished for monoculture or real estate, making lands eroded and defenseless to wild-fire. Forests are wonderful carbon sinks, not to mention their beauties and intrinsic natural wealth.

That is why I strongly support and applaud your decision to "amend all land management plans for units of the National Forest System (128 plans in total) to include consistent direction to conserve and steward existing and recruit future old-growth forest conditions and to monitor their condition across planning areas of the National Forest System."

Sincerely, Rachel Youens