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Comments: I am against "Biden's New Old Growth Policy" this will only harm our Forest and restrict the original intent why the Forest Service was created. This new Executive Order clearly violates the Multiple Use Sustained Yield Act and the Taylor Grazing Act. The main purpose the Forest Service was created and why these lands were put in reserve was for commodity production to benefit the public. This is why the Forest Service was created under the Department of Agriculture.

The primary threats to old growth are severe wildfires, insect infestations and disease that have already destroyed nearly 700,000 acres of old growth forests on federal lands over the past 20 years but the new Executive Order further restricts management of our FS managed lands.

This policy is redundant because the management of old growth has been determined at the local forest level through a public process, and through the careful development of Forest Plans that govern each national forest in the country. Each Forest Plan contains its own direction for conserving old growth. Old trees are seldom harvested for economic reasons, though some plans may allow for regeneration on unhealthy stands to help achieve a more resilient forest.

Please send some common sense into DC. Thank You, Steve Kuchinsky