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Comments: The preservation and active management of our old-growth forests is one of the most important endeavors we can undertake in this time. I put it forward as one citizen that these ecosystems matter to every one of us, and that we're aware that once they're gone, they can't be replaced or fully replicated. The benefits of the old-growth forest environmentally cannot be compared to a new forest planted in response to deforestation; though it is good and necessary to replace forests, it's essential to protect our fragile ecosystems in the first place. I'm grateful for the work put into this management plan and fully support it. I'm incredibly hopeful to see similar plans enacted for more old-growth forests.