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Comments: I am writing to comment of the proposed action which would protect Old Growth Forests on USFS lands in the US in order to protect against climate change. Based on this argument I am completely opposed to this plan. In addition, the plan should be to actively manage these stands as it is widely known and accepted that younger, more vigorous stands sequester significantly more carbon than old growth stands and are also significantly more beneficial to wildlife and the overall health of the forest in general. In my opinion this is nothing more than special interest groups trying to cash in on financial support they provided the President in his election and have nothing to do with good science.