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Comments: I am commenting on the rulemaking of the Administration to protect old growth forests. These old growth trees greater than 150 years have been logged excessively in the past and because of that, the remaining forests with these beautiful giants must be protected. Trees older than 150 years should be protected from timber harvest. In addition, trees between 80 and 150 years are mature and these mature forests must be allowed to progress to healthy old growth. I have no problem with the practice of thinning forests of younger trees for fire protection, commercial products and restoration of meadows, early seal conditions, but please sustainably treat our forests to protect old growth and allow for progression to future old growth. thanks for considering my comments.