

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/19/2024 7:48:15 PM

First name: Randy

Last name: Drake

Organization:

Title:

Comments: We are asking you to not change the meaning of Old Growth of trees in the US Forest Service. It needs to be exactly as it is written and that is trees over 200 years old period. It is written for trees that are alive not dead from fires, disease, partially dead from age, lack of water etc. It is written for trees that are alive standing upright not trees laying over for any reason. Trees laying over for any reason need a plan happen for their removal by the Department of Agriculture. Trees that are removed quickly for their upmost value. We again ask that all dead and dying trees to be remove from the forest to make way for new trees to be planted no matter what their age may be. These trees need to be removed quickly without delay (Contract lent within a year of dying) so they have the highest marketable value that can be received by local USA contractors. Preferably removed and used for natural resource materials for rural economics within the states they are harvested. Mature trees less than 199 years old need to be a marketable natural resource that does allow trees to be marketed to the highest bid. In a continuous cycle keeping our forest healthy instead of fuel laden forests waiting for the right spark to set off the next inferno destroying even more critical habitat for native animals of America live trees that belong to the citizen of this country.