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Comments: I support amending the Land Management PLan to increase protection for the remaining old growth trees in the National Forest System.

Further, I support protection for all of the few remaining old growth trees as opposed to select cutting and thinning. Also, protection for mature forests should be included to replace old growth trees lost to wildfires, insects and disease as a result of climate change. Maintaining as many trees as possible is vital to the health of our planet and its people. The climate is changing at a much too rapid pace.

I support your proposed collaboration with indigenous peoples and the advancement of co-stewardship.