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Comments: The proposed National Forest Plan Amendment is a step in the right direction but does not go far enough. I urge you to consider a more far-reaching, total, ban on logging in old-growth forests. We have a unique opportunity to protect these over-exploited, precious few areas for purposes of habitat diversity, carbon storage, and wildfire resiliency. I would strongly urge an overall ban on logging not only in our old-growth forests but also in our mature forests. The latter deserve the utmost protection in order for the U.S. to generate additional old growth. Please alter the Plan Amendment to include the strongest protections for both types of forest. Thank you.