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Comments: I'm glad the Forest Service is drafting a management plan for the Old Growth forests of the nation. As a Christian, I believe in the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits that old growth forests provide to not only humans, but all of God's creation. As a member of the local Audubon chapter, I know that birds are in grave trouble due to habitat loss and climate changes. They are showing us that we need to change the ways we use resources, the priorities of our nation, and the saving of habitats.

I urge the Forest Service to draft a robust management plan that prolongs the lives of our old growth forests, protects the creatures that call these forests home, and prevents loopholes that would allow the logging industry to take advantage of this important environmental resource.

Thank you for the time spent on this management plan and the continued care of God's creation!

In faith and hope,