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Comments: I want to thank and encourage the Forest Service for drafting a management plan for the Old Growth forests of the nation. I have been fortunate enough to visit such forests and they are amazing and inspiring. 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.

I urge the Forest Service to draft a robust management plan that prolongs the lives of our old growth forests, protects the creatures who live in these forests, 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,