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Comments: I am so excited to see that the Forest Service is drafting a management plan for the Old Growth forests of the nation. As a faith leader, I believe in the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits that old growth forests provide to humans and all of God's creation. I urge the Forest Service to draft a robust management plan that preserves our old growth forests, protects creatures that call these forests home, and prevents loopholes that would allow the logging and other extractive industries to destroy and degrade 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,

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