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Comments: I am encouraged to see that the Forest Service is drafting a management plan for the Old Growth forests of the nation. As a resident of Oregon I care deeply about forests, forest resilience, and the absolute and complete protection of the little old growth stands that remain after decades of excessive timber extraction.

As a member of the Episcopal Church and as a Christian, I believe in the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits that old growth forests provide to humans and to all beyond human life.

As a moral priority, I urge the Forest Service to draft a robust management plan that prolongs the lives of our old growth forests, protects all the plants and animals that call these forests home, and prevents loopholes that would allow the logging industry to take down any more old growth trees.

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

In faith and with hope,

Peter Sergienko