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Comments: Old growth forests and trees are an important part of our public lands. In areas where they exist, we should value them in management plans. Young forests also play an important role as habitat and forage for birds and animals. Managed forestry to create a dynamic mix of older forests, maturing forests and new growth through restoration projects. Active management of our forest lands also helps mitigate forest fire risk and severity. As you move forward with the nationwide amendment to create consistent management direction for old growth forests and other forest types, please consider these important comments to advance healthy forests on our public lands.