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Comments: I urge the Department to reconsider the current proposal to amend all 128 land management plans using a single Environmental Impact Statement developed. This current proposal was drafted in less than a year and does not take into account the variety and diversity exhibited in our National Forest. Diverse wood species and genus grow and mature at different rates; and die and decay in varying tie frames. The approach in this proposal is not based on forest management science or science-based practices. Combining "old growth and mature timber" into a single phrase dilutes the efforts to protect majestic old growth forest, limits wildlife diversity and creates forest fire hazards.