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Comments: We need significant federal land conservation especially of old growth trees. These large trees store more carbon and survive more fires. Complete preservation of these areas should be considered as carbon sequestration zones -- even within the matrix zones. No logging of these on public lands! Forests also have value as habitat for biodiversity of species, human recreation and filtration systems for clean air and water. It is imperative to preserve what nature we have in order to address the climate crisis. Intact ecosystems function best. Please write the plan to protect mature and old growth trees and all that depends upon them.