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Comments: Biden's executive order to preserve old growth forests could be incorporated into the plan by creating reserves of 1000 acres around them and key wildlife areas. A connected network would be protected by limited logging and clear enforceable limits on road building. Older and mature trees have more fire resilience and sequester more carbon. Standards should be created for fuels reduction projects with consideration of habitat connectivity and water quality impacts.

Forests provide for local communities and the region as a whole, not just timber, but also clean water, climate stability, quality of life, and outdoor recreation. The plan should protect all mature trees (80 yrs) even with in the matrix areas.