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Comments: I am glad the Biden administration is taking steps to protect old-growth forests. However, the proposed language would allow over a dozen exceptions to actual protection of old-growth, including "to reduce fuel hazards," "proactive stewardship," or "resiliency." Studies have shown that old-growth stands tend to reduce wildfire spread and intensity, while thinning them dries and heats up the area. In addition, the policy language reveals a significant problem: "Vegetation management within old-growth forests conditions may not be for the primary purpose of growing, tending, harvesting, or regeneration of trees for economic reasons." History has shown time and again that if all that is needed to log old-growth is to omit or downplay "economic" reasons the timber industry will do so.