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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I appreciate your effort to create a standardized approach to managing and protecting old growth trees across our National Forests. Old growth trees and forests are important to me. But so is forest diversity, including having all seral stages and age classes of trees represented in the appropriate amount. Making sure your agency has the ability to maintain old growth stands through active stewardship and forest management is also important to me. Fortunately, it appears the proposed changes allows for that provision.

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 items to advance healthy forests on our public lands.

Please allow:

- * Science-based restoration efforts that maintain forest resilience and reduce the threat of wildfire.
- * Management efforts that focus on science-based restoration and wildfire treatments to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire in mature and old growth as well as other forest types.
- * Vegetation management on larger geographic scales, as varying scope and scale will assist with restoring forest resilience to catastrophic events and provide for better wildlife habitat.
- * Room for young tree growth in areas where old growth is not present.
- * Efforts to promote forest diversity and recognize that forests are dynamic.

Thank you,

Matt