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Comments: Dear Director, Ecosystem Management Coordination, USFS,

Thank you so very much for developing a process to save old-growth forests in the USA. We have so little left in this country, yet what we do still have are several intact ancient forest ecosystems that are important to our country. They are not only important in the framework of today, but in tomorrow and beyond. They are not only important in as intact forests for our species, but for many other species co-habitating our country and our planet.

The time for putting an (immediate) economic value on these forest must end now, and end decisively. These forests should be treated as valuable resources beyond economic benefit. They are engines of biodiversity and life, oxygen and regeneration. We need them to survive physically and we need them to survive sanely.

Thank you in advance for choosing to put the remaining ancient forests FIRST, and forever. They simply are irreplaceable.