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Comments: I urge the USFS provide the strongest possible protections from logging, other resource extraction, and other disruptive commercial or recreational uses for old growth forests throughout the US. As a biologist, I am particularly concerned that the many ecosystem functions of these forests be preserved, including mitigation of global warming, habitat for maintaining biodiversity, watershed functions, erosion control and more. As an avid hiker and backpacker, I'm all too aware that these magnificent sanctuaries of tranquil beauty are becoming ever more scarce, even as public demand for them increases, placing ever more pressure on the existing wild areas. It's imperative that the dwindling old growth is afforded the lasting protection it deserves. No loop holes, no long list of exceptions, just preservation.