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Comments: I strongly support greater protection and restoration of old growth and mature forest stands. These forests are indispensable to contributing to solutions to the already serious and rapidly worsening climate and extinction crises. These forests sequester an enormous amount of harmful atmospheric carbon and provide essential habitats for many special status species and other wildlife. These forests also contribute to healthy watersheds and clean water sources. These forests are on public lands that belong to all Americans. It is imperative that these forests be carefully managed to protect their long-term ecological health, biodiversity, and climate resilience. It is also imperative that biased pro logging forest supervisors be stopped from approving more destructive logging projects. Thank you very much for your kind consideration of my comments.