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Comments: I support the proposal to manage US Forest Service lands to foster, maximize and sustain oldgrowth forests on public lands for the foreseeable future. While multi-use public lands serve an important purpose, our forests and wildlife are under constant and relentless assault from external forces such as climate change, habitat mismanagement, disease and human greed. It is imperative we maintain old growth forests as wildlife habitat and to sequester carbon to minimize catastrophic impacts from rising atmospheric temperatures. We need to act now, and FAST, to ensure that we are doing everything we can to prepare our public lands to withstand these drastic changes and impacts. Managing OUR public lands for old-growth forests is a fantastic first step. Keeping logging companies out is just as important. This land is OUR land, and we ask for protection for these vital ecosystems.