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Comments: Dear Sir or Madam:

I am strongly supportive of this proposed rule. We all know (or should) by now that old growth forests are vital carbon sinks - extremely important to all life in our climate-change affected world. Old growth forests are also the only home in the US for many threatened and endangered species, from certain owls and other birds, to insects, to mammals and reptiles and amphibians. We must protect our few remaining stands of old growth forest, and we must identify and protect areas that will develop into old growth forest ecosystems, if left to do so undisturbed. Thank you for passing this rule in its strongest possible form.