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Comments: Dear Chief Moore:

For manifold reasons, I hope you will continue to pursue the goal of growing the protections on old growth (ancient and mature) National Forest lands. It is vitally important to the health of the land (and therefore, us as well) that significant portions are left to nature's "management". Our previous unchecked and rampant ravaging of lands for profit and progress outstripped nature's ability to provide same for our future. Now we must safeguard what we can to ensure that crucial (read: practically all) species survive well in the future, for the benefit of all life on earth.

I wholeheartedly applaud your efforts in this regard. Please consider the valuable input from groups like Old Growth Forest Network, who recognize this imperative well.

Thank you for the opportunity to express concern on this matter.

- Thomas