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Comments: I am a retired environmental engineer, formerly licensed in more than ten states, with a passion for cleaning up, protecting and rejuvenating the environment of our United States and the world. Authorities internationally recognize that the world's liveable environment is at a dangerous tipping point, and our climate's changing weather in recent years is demonstrating that. There is no single solution; rather it will take an evolving mix of changed sustainability beliefs and practices worldwide.

This Forest Service plan for protection and sustainability of old growth forests is a key component of what needs to be implemented nationally and internationally ASAP. In North America it is essential to involve indigenous peoples, who follow practices that have survived for thousands of years, and integrate the best of old and new into government policies and regulations that are workable, reliable and can be projected into the future.....and rapidly enforce the changes necessary for survival of humanity and our natural world.

I support this very timely Forest Service program, which will be beneficial to humanity.

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