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Comments: I would like to comment on the Notice of Intent which lays out a plan to " conserve and steward existing and recruit future old-growth forest conditions and to monitor their condition across planning areas of the National Forest System." I would like to express my overwhelming support for these efforts. As the mother of a young child I agonize over what a warming planet will mean for his future. Just this past summer, our family spent weeks indoors trying to avoid the smoke for forest fires. Old growth forests are especially resistant to wildfires and other natural disturbances as the climate warms, not to mention that they store carbon that we desperately need to keep out of the atmosphere. We need the protection these trees provide just as much as they need protection from us. Thank you for your time.