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Comments: I applaud the proposal's recognition of the importance and value of preserving old growth forests. Healthy old growth forests can not only deter fires but also carry important cultural significance for many people. I would also encourage the US Forest Service to review recent research regarding the thinning of forests as well as the creation of fuel breaks. Every forest is different and may require different strategies, but when fuel breaks are cut in pristine forests, non-native grasses often grow in the empty spaces which themselves can pose a fire hazard. Thanks for protecting our forests!