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Comments: I am writing to express my wholehearted endorsement of the proposed amendment aimed at integrating Indigenous Knowledge and fostering a commitment to the ethic of reciprocity and responsibility to future generations within Federally managed forests. This commendable initiative not only aligns with the principles of sustainable land management but also underscores the importance of collaborative efforts in achieving effective co-stewardship.

I support a comprehensive approach that meticulously assesses forest conditions on a national scale to identify and prioritize currently recognized and unclassified critical old-growth forests deserving of special consideration and protection that would exempt these invaluable ecosystems from any form of logging, guaranteeing the conservation and responsible stewardship of these ancient forests for the benefit of future generations.

The proposed amendment represents a laudable step toward a more holistic and scientifically informed approach to forest management. By prioritizing the protection of old-growth forests and incorporating Indigenous Knowledge, we are not only preserving our natural heritage but also laying the groundwork for a sustainable and resilient future - one that recognizes indigenous voices.

Thank you for your dedication to advancing sustainable and ethically sound forest management practices.

Sincerely,

Ben Stickney