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Comments: I support the stated goals of the policy directives, specifically to include direction to integrate Indigenous Knowledge and respect for the ethic of reciprocity and responsibility to future generations and directs land managers to advance co-stewardship, recognizing the importance of general trust responsibilities, treaty rights, and cultural, religious, and other tribal interests and practices. The proposed amendment provides a framework for strategic conservation, and proactive stewardship and management, to mitigate risks across a range of forest conditions to both maintain and intentionally develop old-growth forest conditions, where feasible given climate impacts, and

within the context of the multiple-use mandate that guides management of the National Forest System.

I also strongly support that wildlife habitat be a key consideration in the management of old growth forests, especially for keystone and apex predator species.