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Comments: I endorse the modification of the plan to include Indigenous Knowledge in the strategy for old-growth forest conservation and support the scientific monitoring of the old-growth forest health. While I respect and endorse the Indigenous Knowledge, the climate change stressors are different than ever known to humans and may require different ecological management practices to maintain their health.

I have no expertise in forest management though I do support the maintenance of old growth forest conditions to their natural state, the best our current science forecasts. For example, if science suggests controlled burns are needed then we should implement those. We should enforce measures to limit new road development, while maintaining existing roads to minimize pollution, noise, and other altercations to existing environment to providing reasonable access by the public. Finally, I am opposed to providing corporate incentives to harvest natural resources. This once necessary practice to grow our national resources has outlived its original intent.