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Comments: Gentlemen and Ladies of the USFS: I generally support the proposal 65356, which the USDA has presented at considerable length. Some forest advocacy groups have portrayed it as an outright BAN on harvesting within the designated old-growth stands, but I would be happy with limited cuttings for valid management reasons under USFS supervision. And maintenance for fire- and disease prevention also should be permitted. (My father was a USFS research plant pathologist.) Surely our big country can meet its timber and pulpwood needs by responsible tree-farming practices, guided by state forestry commissions and by the USDA.