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Comments: I applaud the December 19, 2023 U.S. Department of Agriculture Notice of Intent in the Federal Register to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to amend all 128 national forest land management plans to include consistent direction to manage, conserve and steward old-growth forest conditions. The agency is now using data identified in the definition and inventory and the threat analysis process to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. Mature and old growth forests are of vital importance to the bioecological health of our planet and represent a critical piece in the complex effort to curb climate change and manage global warming. Every attempt should be made to protect, preserve and increase mature and old growth forests. All anti-environmental protection policy coming from any quarter needs to be rigorously and persistently opposed since attacks on the environment are themselves relentless and merciless, overtly willing to sacrifice planetary health in the pursuit of profit and power. Please do whatever must be done to protect, preserve, strengthen and increase our mature and old growth forests, and our forests more generally.