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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to express my strongest support for the effort to conserve and steward existing and recruit future old-growth forest conditions and to monitor their condition across planning areas of NFS.

As you know, the stated mission of the NFS is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. Many of these old growth forests have been developing for centuries, thus their beauty cannot be sustained through regenerative efforts. We must understand and protect the forests we have now if we hope for future generations to enjoy their majesty.

"If future generations are to remember us with gratitude rather than contempt, we must leave them more than the miracles of technology. We must leave them a glimpse of the world as it was in the beginning, not just after we got through with it."

- Lyndon Johnson