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Comments: I strongly urge the USFS to protect any and all old growth forests that remain in the United States. I live in an area adjacent to the Prescott National Forest, and in 25 years of hiking this area, I have yet to see a single truly mature Ponderosa pine--the dominant species here. There are only old stumps of trees, 3+ feet across, that reached their potential before being logged.

Under current practices, the oldest, most fire-resistant trees are routinely removed under so-called thinning projects. This has to stop! Neither humans nor the natural environment can survive, let alone thrive without genuine old-growth forests. Please stop the plundering and save what is left!