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Comments: The Forest Service should develop an "equity layer" to the mature and old growth forest inventory for a spatial analysis of old and mature forest conservation opportunities near minoritized and disadvantaged communities that are overburdened by pollution.

The amendment should develop the strongest measures possible for conserving old trees for all future generations.

The amendment should clarify measures for mature forests to flourish; these younger stands will become the next generation's complex and invaluable old growth.

The amendment should acknowledge that structural hardening is an essential first measure to protect communities from wildfire threats that should be taken before thinning trees. The Forest Service should support measures for property owners and renters to update building infrastructure and landscaping that will prevent structural ignition in case of wildfire.