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Comments: Thank you for sharing the recent Notice of Intent. I have read the document that contained an over-abundance of repeated statements and goals making it bit of burdensome to read through and to find 'new or different comments'. However, I do understand and appreciate your hope to protect what remains of our nation's old growth forests.

What remains my biggest concern is the length of time that is referenced to implement this protection and all of the players that need to agree in the process; hence, the extended time frame.

"Within TWO years, in consultation with Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations and in collaboration with States, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INDUTSTRY PARTNERS, and public stakeholders, create or adopt an Adaptive Strategy for Old-Growth Forest Conservation based on geographically relevant data or information to:" (emphasis mine)

My understanding of this paragraph is that it will take two (2) years to adopt a Strategy that the "collaborators" all agree upon (i.e. compromise to reach an Adaptive Strategy)? In all of your graphs and charts that were presented as used in your decision making, it appears to me that the time to build resilience and protect for climate change for our old growth (ALL) forests has passed and even starting today would take much serious work. Perhaps I misunderstood the additional 2 to 10 years to implement the ultimate goal and actually consulting with the usual suspects for their input on restoring the decimation that some of the "partners" may have been party to? I cannot envision the watered down version that appears in 10+ years (after 10 years of the forest management status quo) being as effective as your well thought out plan.

To support some of my concern about indigenous or native people, local governments, and industry partners and their natural resource management, I point to the researched and documented book: Collapse by Jared Diamond - particularly in his chapters on Montana and Chaco Canyon for real examples of U.S. land and resource "management" by two collaborators you cite.

I laud and support your goal but cannot help thinking of the old adage: The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, the next best time is NOW. Even after 20 years, it will not be "old growth."