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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide scoping comments on the Forest Service's notice of intent to prepare an EIS on developing and implementing a nationwide forest plan amendment to conserve old growth forests. Old growth forests are crucial as carbon sinks and repositories of biodiversity for repopulating logged areas.

The plan needs to ensure the strongest possible protections for mature forests, including clear benchmarks for how preserved areas will be spaced and connected across the landscape, with strong monitoring and accountability measures.

And I expect that the Forest Service will consult with and partner with tribal nations, who should have a voice on what happens on their ancestral lands.