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Comments: I am writing to encourage the U.S. Forest Service to include the following two priorities in the Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System.

1) There should be a complete ban on commercial logging in the protected areas. Eliminating the financial incentive for tree removal is key to preserving current and future old growth forest areas. There is no reason for any company to profit from the cutting of mature trees on federal land.

2) The plan should also include the removal of dead wood and brush (especially invasive species) that can increase the intensity of forest fires in vulnerable areas. Priority should be placed on locations that are more susceptible to fire due to lightning strikes, climate/drought, human activity (because people cause fires), and other relevant factors.