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Comments: I am opposed to unilateral amending all the Foerst Plans for all national forest. Forest Plans should be amended at the local level not at the national level. There is a process to amend a Forest Plan and it should be followed. I am also opposed to any additional national forest land being set aside from active management. There is enough national forest land set aside in wilderness and roadless areas. These old-growth restrictions will create another hurdle for timber harvesting and other activities on national forests across the county. The policy of preventing active management on national forests has had a disastrous effect in the western US, resulting in massive wildfires. It will also have detrimental economic effect on rural communities where local sawmills depend on timber being sold off national forests. Having more mature/old-growth forests will also be bad for many wildlife and plant species that depend on early successional habitat.