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Comments: I am a New Yorker from the Financial District of lower Manhattan. Old-growth forests are our national treasures; they provide numerous benefits to people and to nature. We must urgently protect whats left of them.

Please include the following in the old-growth proposal;:

-On-the-ground identification of old-growth stands to ensure that the proposals plan components are applied to the appropriate places.

-Management driven by forest health needs.

-Robust engagement of the public and Tribes in developing local or regional Adaptive Strategies for Old-Forest Conservation.

-Resources to support the proposals monitoring requirements so that the efficacy of the management approaches can be assessed and adapted.

-Data transparency by publicizing information compiled through the National Old-Growth Monitoring Network, as well as information on vegetation management projects occurring either in old-growth stands or in priority fire sheds under the agencys Wildfire Crisis Strategy are a priority.

Thanks