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Comments: I fully support the proposed prioritization of protecting and preserving Old-Growth forest stands within the National Forest system. Research shows that old-growth forests are an effective and essential carbon sink for slowing climate change. In addition, old-growth forests provide essential habitat for endangered species and preservation of biodiversity, which would not be otherwise provided.

Thank you for considering my opinion.