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Comments: It is very good news that the Forest Service is developing a management plan for the old growth forests of the nation. It seems clear to me as an environmentalist and also a person of faith that old growth forests provide physical, mental, and even spiritual benefits to human beings, and bring health and strength to our natural resources. I respectfully ask the Forest Service to ensure that its management plan has the strength to guarantee that the logging industry cannot undermine the protections you will put in place for this vital environmental resource.

Thank you for this important effort.

In gratitude and hope,