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Comments: I have spent a lot of time out in nature and in forests all over our country. Forests are beautiful, calming, and worth being protected! I am very happy to see that the Forest Service is drafting a management plan for the Old Growth forests of this nation. I believe that old growth forests provide many benefits to not only humans, but all of God's creation. I urge the Forest Service to make sure the management plan:

- 1. prolongs the lives of our old growth forests,
- 2. protects the creatures that call these forests home, and
- 3. prevents loopholes that would allow the logging industry to take advantage of this important environmental resource.

Thank you for taking time to carefully craft this management plan and continuing to care for all of God's creation!

With hope,