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Comments: Dear Chief Moore,

I want to express my gratitude for your commitment to preserving old-growth forests. As an advocate for mature trees, I feel a personal responsibility to underscore the crucial need for transformative measures in the nationwide forest plan amendment.

My concern deepens regarding the allowance of commercial logging in old-growth areas. I strongly urge for heightened protections, a complete ban on commercial exchange, and the removal of the Tongass exemption.

Personally, I emphasize the importance of inclusively defining old-growth, exploring alternatives for mature forests, and implementing rigorous monitoring for carbon sink optimization and equitable community benefits.

Thank you for granting me this opportunity. On a personal note, I urge strict adherence to the timeline and extensive engagement with stakeholders.

Sincerely,