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Comments: Simply because of the lack of specific definitions and/or locations of MOG, the fact that only working , mature forest definitions are provided at the National Forest level in the MOG inventory, and in light of the fact that further definition and refinement is expected as clarification of Executive Order 2022, that does not, ethically and morally give the USFS the right to sidestep the intent of the Executive Order, ignore the edict to conserve MOG, and aggressively harvest what will be or would be our next generation of old growth.

Again, with the Late Successional Forest Habitat, the Executive Order of 2022 does not give enough definition or guidance, and thus the existing forest plan is used to determine definition. How will these stands ever reach old growth characteristics if we continue to harvest them at "economic maturity"?

If the mature stands move into old age, they will naturally deteriorate, falling, creating open space for early succession to occur naturally, reinvigorate the soil and create habitat as they create healthier soil. All of this would occur while leaving carbon in the ground without the disturbance and negative effects of logging such as increased co2, erosion, soil disturbance, increased risk of flooding and invasive species introduction.