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Comments: I am appalled at the idea of a 40-year commitment to this destructive logging proposal that puts timber harvest goals ahead of all other commitments for the publicly-owned old growth and mature forest areas. This is NOT current thinking in forest management.

Older forests are vital for biodiversity, carbon sequestration, and habitat preservation. It's concerning that the Forest Service is placing the timber volume mandate above other critical forest needs like recreation, forest health, and water quality. By prioritizing timber targets, the agency risks undermining the overall well-being of our forests and the communities that rely on them.

Logging in public forests should AVOID the old growth and mature forest areas. The best forest practices use sustainable harvest methods that provide continuing timber harvest in areas that avoid disturbing ecosystems that require centuries to regenerate.