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Comments: The USDA Has an obligation to preserve and protect old-growth forests. They are 5 to 1% of the forests that we have left and as such are the tiny a slice of an ecology Which is under threat of extermination. Although all 4 stages are important to the balance of an ecological system old-growth forests have a unique position in that they typically have species of plants that have flourished in that environment for eons, many of which cannot be found in newer tracts of forested lands. Old growth forests have a very complex Mycelium and root system which transfers information from organism to organism throughout the entire area which Inform and support species of all kinds in the vicinity. Old-growth forest also Bank the highest amount of nitrogen and carbon therefore alleviating the effects of human produced Greenhouse gasses and toxins And alleviates the conditions of climate change. Lastly, the grandeur and magnificence of nature fully realized is a spiritual experience which leaves the human species in a state of awe and grace. It is in nature that we are most closely aligned with the divine and find our connection with the planet and with spirit. It is the duty of our government to protect these ancient in special places not only for Today but also for posterity and the benefit of future generations as well as supporting biodiversity and the fluoreshine of all species that require this special type of ecosystem. It is my expectation that that the USDA will do everything in their power to honor and preserve our public lands today in always. The practice of selling off are public plans to the highest bidder for logging Mining and extraction of fossil fuels goes against the Pledge of our federal agencies to honor and protect the constituents, Their health, The environment and it's public resources and lands.