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Comments: It is critically important that the Forest Service takes the following actions:

Don't cut any trees over 80 years old or larger than 20" dbh

Make sure Forest Plans are updated to reflect new rules

Halt any new timber sales that don't protect mature and old growth trees

Modify existing timber sale contracts to conform to the new rules

Eliminate loopholes for roads through old growth

Eliminate loopholes for hazard trees

Eliminate loopholes for wildfire management.

Monitor and enforce new rules on the district level

District ranger performance evaluations must reflect compliance to new rules. Rangers who fail should be fired, not demoted to positions where they can continue damaging the forests.

No defense through courts of actions that violate the new rules.

Modify timber targets to reflect new rules.

Eliminate mandates to the districts that require violations of the new rules.

Transparency for the public to provide public oversight.

Thank you,

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