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Comments: I applaud the USDA and Forest Service for undertaking an old-growth and mature forest management plan. Any tree or stand or forest that is 150 years old or older must not be cut down - full stop. Trees, stands or forests that are between 75 and 149 years old should be lightly managed, permitting selective logging only, with the primary aim of pest and/or fire-risk management and mitigation and forest health. Timber production must be a much lower priority for these forests than promotion of forest health. Clear-cutting, when necessary, must be limited to 5 acre tracts. Trees, stands and forests under 75 years old must be managed aggressively for timber production, pest and/or fire-risk management and mitigation. The above must be mindful of watershed management and recreation opportunities. Large rivers and creeks must have a harvest buffer not to be less than 75 feet regardless of forest age. Secondary creeks and streams must have a harvest buffer of no less than 25 feet regardless of forest age.