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Comments: I am concerned that old growth forests need preservation. I support that the amendment which provides a consistent management framework to conserve and steward old-growth forests in response to rapidly changing climate conditions and other threats (e.g. wildfire, insect and disease).

I have spent many Summers canoe camping in the Sylvania Wilderness Area in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. There is a special feeling and internal peace found in this old growth forest. And a sadness that over-forestation in the 1900s left so little of it undisturbed. It is mind boggling to think how much of our forests were eliminated in that time period. To the point there are few remnants of old growth forest that survived.

I support a national priority to preserve ANY remaining old growth forest within the United States. These forests are important carbon sinks, particularly needed in this are of quickly changing human-caused climate change.

Thank you.