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Comments: I highly value trees and have always lived among them. The largest of our trees, the old growth, move me deeply and add such beauty to our world, as well as so many other values that keep our world in balance and habitable. It takes so long to grow an old growth tree and they need the highest of protections to keep us safe and in balance. Please consider saving the most if not all that qualify as old growth and be sure those regulations are very clear & tightened up. We are way beyond the luxury of cutting down old growth trees as we careen into the future of clearing land for clearing and profit. As climate change adds stress to trees & all life, we should consider keeping equipment away and overuse at bay. The reasons are diverse and compelling to save most all trees with the exception of thinning and cleaning up in non-old-growth forests. Large old growth trees are not as susceptible to fire as the young smaller ones. I would like the Forest Service to protect what we have left by using all measures to create firm regulations that will never allow the sale or cutting of old growth trees. We saw most all of our northwest forests sold & cut down by profiteers and often sold as logs to other countries for profit at the expense of the citizen tax payer. Again please consider the highest level of protection (level 4) for a resource that cannot be replaced for centuries to come. Thank you