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Comments: I strongly support the plan to maintain old growth forests across the National Forest Systems. It has been such a tragedy to see how quickly we lose entire old growth tree systems in just one life time - when they have been here for hundreds of years. I have seen the loss of our chestnuts, our amazing virgin hemlock forests, the decline of the ash trees, and others in just my lifetime. It is especially horrific when the loss of an ancient tree is due to a loggers saw. Majestic trees cut down in minutes. It is akin to genocide. Totally disrespectful! And "re-planting" with fast growing trees, or even young trees of the same species will never replace the old growth forests. Please, please continue to save our old growth forests. Thank you.