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Comments: To All Leaders of USFS: I commend you for your efforts to amend every National Forest plan in the country to protect old-growth forests! I am an artist and my medium is wood, my work inspired by the creatures of the National Forest where I have lived and made my living for 40 years. I am not opposed to logging and understand the need for thinning and harvesting timber, especially when it's been planted for this purpose such as our red pine plantation. However there is a major difference between cutting what was planted to be harvested and destroying ancient trees that have been on our planet long before the USFS even existed. I strongly support Alternative 3 of the proposal although even this choice seems vague with loopholes. I believe the policy should be clear to eliminate commercial logging in old-growth stands and highly limit exceptions to non-commercial logging. The natural beauty and positive environmental impact of leaving old-growth forests to stand for future generations is too important to ignore. Thank you for understanding this and for taking the steps to make it policy.