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Comments: I implore the "Powers that Be" to reject the proposed National Old Growth Amendment. No more layers of bureaucracy are needed. They only delay action. We need active stewardship! Old growth forests have increased on managed forests whereas they have decreased in areas reserved from active management such as designated wilderness areas.

Our biggest threat to old growth forests and the wildlife and human benefits they provide are wildfires, diseases, and insect infestations.

STAY ON COURSE with implementing the Wildfire Crisis Strategy using existing forest management plans. We want healthy, thriving, diverse landscapes on our nation's forests.