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Comments: Hello US Forest Service Admins Unfortunately, the amendment alternatives numbers 1,2,and 4 as written actually allows logging and thinning in Old Growth. We all need to correct this for many reasons: for the climate, for biodiversity, for ecological integrity, and obviously for the wildlife that inhabit these forests.

Alternative 3 with some suggested amendments : Alternative 3 offers the strongest protections around old-growth forests, which are needed because of the enormous historic losses of these forests from logging over the past centuries and our dire need for their outsized climate and biodiversity benefits. We support the provision in this alternative that does not allow commercial exchange of trees. However, we recommend that the Forest Service adopt a modified Alternative 3 that:

Reduces opportunities for the cutting of old-growth trees and in particular, the cutting of any trees in old-growth stands that are in moist forest types.

Removes the exception for "de minimis" logging of old-growth trees, which means that some old-growth trees could still be cut for "research" or "local community purposes." This language is too vague and could leave too many old-growth trees vulnerable to being sent to the mill.

Thank You !