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Comments: The Forest Services is to be commended for this amendment proposal and I strongly urge that it be adopted.

To further strengthen this amendment by removing a loophole that would weaken it, please drop the language about the forest stands being "largely undisturbed". And please consider dropping the minimum age to qualify as old growth from 150 to 100-years-old. That would allow some mature forest to grow into old growth.

Again, thank you for proposing this amendment.

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