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Comments: Our citizens have become less sensitive to the natural world. Old-growth forests are, inter alia, a vital link to our past and our future. I encourage everyone involved to take extra care to preserve and extend our old-growth forests. Especially with the potential harm of global warming, we all need to do what we can to protect these vaults of biodiversity.

I would endorse any effort to prohibit private profit at the expense of depleting our old-growth forests. Therefore, I urge the approval Alternative #3 and not Alternative #1 or Alternative #2 or Alternative # 4, as those are set forth in the USFS Old-Growth Amendment DEIS dated 24 June 2024.

Further, I would encourage a policy of expanding the old-growth forest acreage in the U.S. by implementing policies to preserve mature forests and reduce the harvesting of mature trees in those forests and allowing the mature forests to become old growth forests.

We owe it to our grandchildren to do all we can to protect their planet.