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Comments: I support the Draft Amendments plans on how to achieve resilient old-growth. The current Draft Amendment would fail to achieve those plans.

The Desired Conditions should include means to accomplish badly needed increases in the amount of old-growth forests across the National Forest System. Currently there is a shortage of old-growth forests.

The plan also does not provide any alternatives that would prioritize conservation of old growth forests, or percentages of old growth forests. I believe the Final Environmental Impact Statement should include an alternative that seeks to conserve and grow at least some percentage of the old growth forests that now exist.

The draft should not mandate proactive stewardship of all old-growth forest types. Some old-growth forests, such as those west of the cascades, would thrive better by being passively managed - and this should be reflected in the amendments to the Draft.

The "preferred alternative Standard 2c" would allow destructive exceptions to conserving our old growth forests, and this would lead to losses of them that are unwise and devastating to the health and resiliency, as well as the potential growth, of our old growth forests. All of these exceptions should not have been added to the draft, and they should be deleted from the plan, with the exception of tribal uses only.