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Comments: I support the Draft Amendments vision of a system of resilient old-growth. I have concerns that the current Draft Amendment would fail to achieve that vision.

- The plan does not require conservation of mature forests, or a portion of mature forests. I believe the Final Environmental Impact Statement should include an alternative that looks at conserving at least some portion of existing mature forests so they transition to Old Growth forests.
- In concert with the above, the Desired Conditions should include language about increasing the amount of old-growth forests across the National Forest System.
- All old-growth forest are not alike. The amendment language should acknowledge that some old-growth forests, like those where I live (Pacific NW coastal), should be passively managed. Active management would be detrimental to many of the forests on the western side of the Cascades.
- There are too many exceptions in alternative Standard 2c. These could lead to meaningful loss of old-growth forests. While exceptions for tribal use are appropriate, all of the others should be removed from the plan. They provide massive loopholes for future desecration of Old Growth forests.