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Comments: The ability to address current, immediate threats to forest lands, all forest lands, is to allow quick response to wildfire, insects and disease! Old growth is, and has been, a quantifiable process based on the silvics of individual tree species. Political tinkering will inflict chaos and add multiple layers of analysis to treatment plans - for the stressors identified, We certainly don't need another disaster such as the Northwest Forest Plan - a political solution that was looking for a problem.

Old growth is currently in sufficient quantity, residing in Wilderness, Roadless and administratively supported land management, that disallows any form of forest management. Any old growth needs should be assessed in National Forest Land Management Plans, and Amendments, not a programmatic, political impulse from misdirected politicians!