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Comments: Dear USFS,

It seems that I am generally finding out about proposals that threaten the lands, plants and animals on our public lands. I am uplifted by this proposal that does not seek to exploit a resource but instead to permanently protect our old growth forests. Thank you for putting this forth!

Defining and identifying old growth forests on our public lands, recognizing traditional ecological knowledge, prioritizing tribal consultation, and complying with existing wilderness and inventoried roadless area protections is such important and integral work. Thank you for including these considerations in your draft.

In addition to my gratitude, I am also writing to ask that you please provide the strongest and clearest protections for our old growth forests by using clear language and directives to protect them from unnecessary timber harvest or invasive enhancement treatments. These forests are far more valuable to the American people and to the greater ecosystems which they are apart as they are, please allow them to persist and thrive. This is our chance to ensure their future and the important role they play in ours.

Gratefully and earnestly,

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