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Comments: I own a cabin in an old-growth forest on Gifford Pinchot National Forest. It is in the moist west-side forest, dominated by Douglas fir, western red cedar and hemlock. We are beginning to see the effects of this long hot drought, which we now all recognize as a changing climate.
I strongly support the intent of the Draft Amendments. But I have several concerns about the new rules:
-The preferred alternative Standard 2c allows too many exceptions for removal of old growth trees and stands. Please reconsider these exceptions.
- Please add a new alternative that will require the conservation of mature forests. They are the old growth ecosystems of the future.
- Not all old-growth will require active management. Please consider the appropriateness of a hands-off approach to the moist forests of the Pacific Northwest.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment.