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Comments: Hello,

I was very excited to hear about the National Old Growth Amendment. I personally have had amazing experiences and memories in some of our countries old growth forests that are currently protected and would love to see more.

I would like to thank the USFS for your important work defining and identifying old growth forests on our public lands, for recognizing traditional ecological knowledge and prioritizing tribal consultation, and for complying with existing wilderness and inventoried roadless area protections in its draft.

I would ask the Forest Service to provide the strongest and clearest protections for our old growth forests and encourage the agency to use clear language and directives to protect old growth forests from unnecessary timber harvest or invasive enhancement treatments with potentially unintended consequences.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Burchell