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Comments: Thank you for proposing the amendment to protect old growth forest on Forest Service lands. While I believe that this amendment is long overdue, there are still millions of acres of old growth forest that remain and should be protected.

That said, I believe the following changes would make the amendment far stronger.

- 1. The age at which a forest should be 100 years, not the 150 years in the current proposal.
- 2. The provision that requires that forests be "largely undisturbed" to qualify should be dropped. This provision can be used as a loophole. For example, forests with roads or trails through them, or areas that have previously had minimal levels of cutting, should be protected. However, with the current language they may not be. Please drop this ambiguous language from the amendment.

Again, thank you for this proposed amendment.