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Comments: As Firewise Coordinator for a residential community just outside of Martin City, Montana, near The Great Bear Wilderness, I understand the role that mature and old growth forests play in providing critical wildlife habitat, water for drinking and endless opportunities for hunting and fishing. However, all that is at risk if forest managers aren't given the tools necessary to steward forests to withstand drought and wildfires. Forest management plans must be collaborative in nature with all local stakeholders and they must be flexible enough to adapt as conditions change. There isn't a "one size fits all" strategy for forest management and it's not a "no-cut" plan. Parts of some older forests should be left alone. Others should be actively managed to improve the health of the landscape and protect public health and well-being. Please amend the proposed Amendment to reflect these concerns.