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Comments: Few old growth forests remain in the world, none in central Europe. In the northeast USA only 1% are old growth forests. Yet old growth forests are one of our most valuable ecological systems for combatting climate change. It takes centuries to regrow these complex ecosystems, and yet we continue to destroy these habitats for biodiversity. We need lasting protective measures for old growth forests.

I support the Forest Service's proposed Alternative 3, which does not allow commercial interests to chop down these trees. I do not support 'de minimus' logging that would allow some trees to be cut for 'research'. This terminology is too vague, putting old growth trees in danger.

Our generation must stop the destruction of this valuable resource because it is literally irreplaceable.