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Comments: I am so pleased with the plan to amend our management of old-growth forests. In addition to the proposed changes, I see that additional measures need to be included.

First of all, there needs to be language to recognize the intrinsic ability of old-growth forests to "manage" themselves. Active human management is not a prerequisite for success.

Secondly, there must be measures to ensure that active management by humans is actually beneficial to the condition of the forest. Our actions must create conditions that protect and enhance old-growth forests.

And lastly, we need clear guidelines to safeguard abundant areas of older, mature forests to re-establish and expand old-growth distributions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal, and please adopt my suggestions to improve on the plan.