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Comments: I am writing in support of the "More restrictive" Alt 3 option. While the modified proposed action (alt 2) takes some steps to preserve our forests, it does not do enough. Old growth forests are a valuable and finite resource that cannot be replaced. Commercial logging destroys these ecosystems. How many human lifetimes does it take to for these forests to recover? Can we afford to wait that long? I don't think so, and I think the forest service has an obligation to do everything possible to preserve our old growth forests, and the cessation of commercial logging is a crucial step for preservation. Whatever short-term financial gain there may be from commercial logging is not worth the decades of loss and environmental damage that result.