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Comments: Dear FS Friends,

I know that you try to "balance Forest uses," but we're at the point where 5% of old growth is left, and it is critical for the health of forests to save that remnant as well as all the trees moving toward a good size. Therefore you must adopt the somewhat balanced Alternative 3 to save as much as possible of what is remaining and growing. Of course even alternative 3 is severely lacking. There is no National Forest-Wide definition or strategy protecting all old growth, and approaching large, trees; and prescriptions are left to the local level, and you know how that works out in practice. Some folks will do a great job and others will use various reasons to cut the trees.

So, PLEASE, adopt Alternative 3 and then give further direction to all Forests.

Sincerely, Charles Little