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Comments: I am in support of the protection and stewardship of old-growth forests on public lands, especially meaningful protections that acknowledge the unique characteristics, importance, and benefits of Mature and Old growth forests.

For this reason, it is essential that the EIS recognizes that Mature growth must be allowed to grow to old growth status to adhere to the EO 14072, that Eastern Deciduous forests are part of this plan amendment and they must be considered an endangered ecosystem (different from those in the west), and that all current projects with MOG growth must be paused as the amendments can be made to their respective forest plans.