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Comments: Protecting old growth forests is one of the easiest way to combat climate change, since it requires maintaining the status quo, rather than adopting new technology. In addition to helping address this existential threat, old growth forests provide crucial habitats for a variety of animal species. I'd ask that you please amend the National Old-Growth Amendment to clearly prohibit logging and development within old-growth forests and to permit a more flexible approach to managing old growth forests in order to allow use of the best methods that suit each unique location. Additionally, the NOGA should be amended to provide for adding mature forests that can become the old-growth forests of the future in order to preserve and develop this crucial resource for future generations.