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Comments: I am writing to encourage and request the Forest Service to implement and maintain the strongest possible protections for old growth forests. These irreplaceable habitats are an essential part of our woodland ecosystem and deserve the strongest possible protection from commercial interests of all kinds, particularly given their value as a store of genetic diversity and in the fight against climate change. Increasing protections and removing inadvertent loopholes are essential steps in protecting these resources. Thank you.