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Comments: I am submitting this comment to express my strong support for the proposed amendments to national forest management plans to protect and enhance old-growth forests in alignment with President Biden's Executive Order 14072. As these regulations are finalized, I urge that they incorporate the following principles:

-Protecting all remaining old-growth forest should be a paramount priority, with passive management being the preferred approach wherever possible. Most mature forests, including those in the Pacific Northwest, do not require active management. A hands-off approach that allows natural cycles to progress uninterrupted is the best way to manage these forests.

-The goal should be to increase, not just conserve, old-growth forest cover in our National Forests. Thus, protecting older forests that don't yet qualify as old-growth but which could reach that state within the next few decades should be part of any old-growth management plan.

-It should be made crystal clear that all logging and other invasive activities within old-growth forests must stop immediately. These ecosystems are too precious to suffer any further unnecessary degradation.

Thank you for considering these comments.