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Comments: An old growth and mature growth forest management plan must ensure tribal inclusion and honoring tribal treaties. It should support economic opportunities, sustainable communities and recreational activities. It must improve fire resistance and resilience and develop a management plan that addresses prescribed burning and reduces salvage logging. The management plan should support carbon sequestration and storage by letting mature trees become old growth and letting old growth continue to thrive. Trees begin carbon sequestration at 80 years.

Forest stewardship should be through incorporation of indigenous knowledge into planning and meeting the agencies trust. Conservation and recruitment of old growth forest conditions and habitat for species that depend on old growth ecosystems and regional biodiversity must be incorporated into the management plan. Designate and steward community protection areas and reduce administrative barriers to the community protection.