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Comments: The National old-Growth Amendment is a good beginning for an amendment. There are a few changes that would make it more clear and precise.

There needs to be a way for more forests to be added to the list of old-growth forests as younger ones get older. Mature forest become old-growth forests with time and that needs to be addressed.

The approach to old-growth management needs to have varying actions depending on the type of forest. Forests out west need protection from fire. Forests in the east may be vulnerable to inadequate management and commercial logging. Some places will need both tyoes of management.

The amendment does not address "passive management" which can be used in some places, particularly if they are not fire prone. That could involve less time and money and yet sve the old growth.

The clause "development at and ecologically appropriate scale" might lead to development in one area since there is not any development in another area. There should be clear, concise language there.

Thanks you for listening to people who love forests and the critters in them.

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