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Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

I strongly support the proposed amendments to national forest management plans to protect and enhance old-growth forests for their crucial role in mitigating global warming and conserving biodiversity. I never thought I would see a proposal like this in my lifetime. Nevertheless, the proposal needs some critical adjustments:

- 1) Prevent any degradation of existing old-growth forests.
- 2) Passive Stewardship: let the forests manage themselves. They don't need intervention.
- 3) Establish clear, enforceable standards and guidelines for stewardship.

With these changes, the USFS can ensure that this proposal not only protects existing old-growth forests but also promotes their expansion and resilience in the face of climate change.

Thank you for your consideration and for your efforts to protect our invaluable old-growth forests.