Data Submitted (UTC 11): 9/16/2024 4:00:00 AM First name: Gabrielle Last name: Irle Organization: Title: Comments: My Christian faith informs my belief that humans should take seriously our call to care for "creation." To that end, I believe that old growth forests should be stewarded with the highest degree of protection we can. Not only are they creation that should be honored in their own right, their wellbeing is linked in an ecosystem of other creation and saving them promotes clean air and water, wildlife habitats, and prevents soil erosion and flooding. I'm calling on this plan to: -End the cutting of old-growth trees in all national forests and all forest types and end the cutting of any trees in old-growth stands in moist forest types. -End any commercial exchange of old-growth trees. Even in the rare circumstances where an old-growth tree is cut (e.g. public safety), that tree should not be sent to the mill. -Remove the exception that allows for "de minimis" logging of old-growth trees. -Eliminate the agency discretion to manage old growth out of existence in pursuit of "proactive stewardship" goals. Thank you for your time and consideration.