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I am strongly supporting the proposed amendments to national forest management plans to protect and enhance old-growth forests in alignment with President Biden's Executive Order 14072.

However, I urge you to strengthen the proposal with the following critical improvements:

- 1. Prevent Degradation of Existing Old-Growth Forests.
- 2. Recognize the Value of Passive Stewardship allowing Nature to manage the forest.
- 3. Establish Clear, enforceable Standards for Stewardship:

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

Sincerely, Karen Guzak