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Comments: I would like to add my voice for the protection of old growth forests. These forests are the best type for capturing Carbon from all my research. In addition, destruction of an old growth forest would take 400, maybe 500 years to replace? Certainly we have some newer growth forest that would meet the needs of the sales targets of the forest service? Please re-consider your plan to improve the protections for old growth trees and biological communities.

Thanks

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