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Comments: I am writing to comment on the National Old-Growth Amendment. It is absolutely essential that we protect America's old-growth forests. To do so, the USFS must do the following:

- 1) Create an accurate, scientific, and transparent inventory of America's old-growth forests that is kept up to date and made available to the public at all times.
- 2) Engage in responsible stewardship of these forests, including but not limited to ensuring and preserving connectivity between old-growth patches, engaging in the absolute minimum amount of forest "management" (remember, forests were doing just fine before we started making a mess of them), make old-growth trees the priority in any and all fire management plans, and eliminating the possibility for any exceptions whereby the USFS could justify eliminating an old-growth patch.
- 3) Cease old-growth logging in the Daniel Boone National Forest, as well as all other National Forests, immediately. The public has made it resoundingly clear that we do not want our taxpayer dollars used to fund the destruction of these living witnesses our nation's past, sources of enjoyment in the present, and hope for a future at risk due to the climate crisis that has already begun.