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Comments: I want to believe that the Forest Service believes in the importance of saving old growth trees. As you well know, when steps are not taken to protect them, the losses of those trees have negative impacts--loss of wildlife, protection of streams, release of carbon, erosion, and destruction of beauty and history. We have already disturbed and destroyed so many forest areas, it is imperative we protect what are remaining.

When logging, it is difficult to protect old growth trees even if they are not removed because of logging practices. Therefore, I hope that every effort will be made to protect old growth trees, and when you are considering logging an area, you take every precaution to identify them and develop plans with the help of experts to avoid their destruction. We can't undo the damage.