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Comments: Of all the alternatives that have been presented to the public, I would strongly encourage that the Forest Service adopt Alternative 3 (More Restrictive Standards for Old-Growth). To be blunt, Forest Service management has led us to the current situation and CURRENT Forest Service management continues to target mature and old-growth forests in their projects. It's clear that the Forest Service thinks that forests that have been around for centuries can't exist without the "noble" hands and oversight of humans. Until such time that the current generation of Forest Service management has been replaced by younger foresters who identify more with ecological concepts rather than row crop farming practices, old-growth forests must be protected by enacting greater (and more explicit) restrictions on management actions therein. Please adopt Alternative 3.