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Comments: I am 81 years old and have backpacked 40 of those years in the forests of Colorado, Wyoming and California (and camped in old growth forests in Oregon and Washington). Besides time with my wife, children, grandchildren and friends, time in uncut, biologically dense and complex old growth and mature forests is among my life's greatest memories and pleasures. Life in these forests is on a scale that cannot be replicated and we need to save for future generations this unique biological resource.

What remains of our old growth and mature forests is so little that all of it should be preserved. The current management plan is terrible. It doesn't provide adequate protection for these forests. There should be no timber production from these forests. Identifying these stands should be a standard. Treatments should only occur to secure forest health, remove roads and for public safety.

Please drastically revise your preferred alternative to provide maximum, feasible, sustainable protection.

Sincerely yours, Charles Kerr Grand Junction Colorado