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Comments: Alternative 3 is the best option; however, the rule should have measurable, enforceable standards that end all old-growth logging, thinning, and burning on the national forests.

The agency's preferred alternative (number 2) would actually reduce protections on the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests.

The USFS is seriously misleading the public on old-growth science. Independent science shows that mature and old-growth forests are incredibly biodiverse, rare, and under direct threat from harvest and other "management tools". The draft environmental impact statement uses biased agency science to create a narrative that old-growth is under siege by fire, insects, and disease, and only large-scale timber management (logging) can save them.

The presented range of alternatives is very biased toward logging. All options, as written, allow for logging in old-growth. That should not be the case. Logging for "noncommercial purposes" is still logging and degrades mature and old-growth forests. Refusing to even entertain a strong alternative shows a serious lack of analysis on the part of the USFS.