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Comments: I am extremely disappointed to learn that the proposed Draft Amendment to the Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System #65356, does not meet the goals stated in the plan. I believe that the plan could do more harm than good, especially in the forests in my area of Western Oregon and the rain forests of the Pacific Northwest. I am concerned about loopholes that will permit "active management " and logging in old-growth forests.

In addition, I believe a plan for preserving old-growth must include adding mature forests to US Forest Service lands, as there is currently insufficient inventory of old-growth within the system.

To create a truly environmentally sound and meaningful plan for our national forests going forward, please revisit this draft to correct and strengthen rules that will guide use of the forests over decades to come, so that they may be preserved for future generations. There needs to be recognition of different needs for different kinds of old-growth, in vastly different parts of the country. Recommendations in the proposed draft amendment do not serve all forests well.

We cannot depend on businesses seeking to acquire lumber or carryout other commercial activities to have the best interests of the public or the forest in mind. It is important that the Forest Service lead, on behalf of the citizens of this country, by establishing rules that actually protect the resource that our national forests are, for our future as well as for the present time, for the health of our planet and our country, including wildlife and human residents.

I look forward to reading an updated amendment that addresses these and other concerns raised by public input.