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"Immediately stop cutting old-growth in the Daniel Boone National Forest."

Old-Growth Management

"Any management in old-growth forests, including prescribed fire and understory management, should be the minimum necessary to support existing and future old-growth structure and function as appropriate for the community type."

Eliminate Exceptions

"Eliminate exceptions in the plan that allow forest managers discretion to convert old-growth to young forests, or to otherwise degrade or diminish forests' old-growth condition."

Importance of Old-Growth

"Recognize the importance of old-growth across all forest types, including disturbance-mediated forest communities like upland and

fire-adapted oak forests and woodlands."

Identification and Inventory

"Ensure that the inventory and identification of old-growth is scientifically sound. Make the process of identifying old-growth forests transparent, consistent, and open to public input. Involve researchers, ecologists, and other outside experts in the identification and inventory process."

Steward Mature Growth

"Require that mature forests be managed for future old-growth in a manner that ensures a variety of patch sizes, wide distribution, and good connectivity across the Daniel Boone National Forest, improving on the deficiencies in the current Forest Plan."

Old-Growth Network

"Develop a plan for a network of future old-growth forests through an open, participatory, and scientifically sound process."