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Comments: Regarding the National Old Growth Amendment, I support Alternative 3 so the logging of all mature/old growth trees is stopped. The other alternatives allow for too many loopholes to continue this country's misguided, locust-like policy toward its ancient forests. The oldest trees are the least vulnerable to fire and should be left standing everywhere they remain. They also support ecosystems that will be lost forever if the trees are logged.

I urge you to take this opportunity to protect our oldest trees and forests. Failure to do so undermines the objectives of this amendment, contravenes the direction of EO 14072, and ignores 500,000+ public comments the agency received on last summer's advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

Furthermore, I have little trust in an agency of the government under the control of the Department of Agriculture and its cowardly, corporate-loving centrist secretary, Tom Vilsak. I remember how proud he was of himself after he fired Shirley Sherrod following her being defamed by known liar Andrew Breitbart. Why Vilsak got another bite at the apple I can't understand. But I certainly don't trust him to protect our nation's dwindling ancient forests.