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Comments: My main concerns about the Land Management Plan for Old Growth Forests are the following:

1. The Plan should include protection for both Mature and Old Growth Forests. Mature forests will become old growth soon if left to thrive. Like Old Growth forests, Mature forests benefit the climate by holding carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere, and provide habitat for a multitude of wildlife, thereby supporting biodiversity.

2. The Plan should not allow logging of any Mature or Old Growth trees. None! These trees are a treasured national resource that are already diminished by years of logging. We can't allow any more of these treasured trees to be lost. Once they are gone, they are gone forever. Replacing them with new trees is not enough. These trees are hundreds of years old. It will take hundreds of more years for new trees to "replace" them. The large, old trees are the ones that hold in the most carbon, and anchor the forests.

Thank you for your work in this critical area! Please do all you can to protect the trees, using the most up to date forestry science, not the wishes of the timber industry.