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Comments: I encourage the US Forest Service to establish and implement policies that prohibit timber harvesting in the existing/remaining old growth stands (outside of designated wilderness areas). The abundant second growth timber inventories are, in my opinion, sufficient to fulfill desired harvesting outcomes: adequately supply the forest products industry and sustainably manage federal lands. Our old growth resources must be protected to maintain water quality, sequester carbon and provide essential habitat to a myriad of threatened/endangered species. I further encourage the USFS to braid Indigenous Knowledge into the scientific management of existing/remaining old growth stands. This may include the strategic application of prescribed burns to reduce hazardous fuel loads and stimulate wildlife habitat.