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Comments: Dear National Forest System:

I strongly implore you to strengthen the NOGA amendment to protect old growth forests by closing any loopholes that would weaken protections in the management and preservation of these irreplaceable resources and habitats from commercial logging and other natural and man-made threats. Once old growth forests are gone, they're gone for good, along with all the numerous species that depend on them for their very survival (including us humans), and the environmental protections to climate change they provide.

Please be wise and make your policy decisions based on long-term consequences, not short-term economic gains. Do what's necessary to preserve these planetary treasures for all the generations yet to come.

Thank you,

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