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Comments: As a botanist, I am very much aware of the important ecological role of old growth trees in our country's national forests. Please do not cut anymore old growth trees. We've already cut far more than we should have logged, and we need all the standing old growth to remain.

In addition, please work towards saving trees in the 80 plus year old range that are well on their way to becoming old growth. We need to incrementally stagger the ages of the trees in our national forests so we don't end up in the future with huge gaps without older trees.

It is no longer beneficial to hold commercial sales of old growth trees. We need to make up for the old growth forest losses of the past and preserve those that still remain. We can no longer just consider the economics of the current era in our decisions about what to cut.

Please consider the future generations of American citizens and their need for available natural resources and please do not make short term decisions at their expense. It is our responsibility as stewards of natural and human habitats to maintain these resources for our children's children's children.