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Comments: I object to all alternatives as currently written.

When the rules are written to protect old growth and near old growth, there should be no exceptions allowable to local forest managers for logging old growth. As it currently stands, local forest service managers routinely lie when evaluating tree stands for logging (inaccurately aging tree stands, etc). Allowing them to make exceptions to rules throws the door wide open for abuse. Do not create any exceptions that allow local forest managers to log old growth for any reason.

Train forest service managers and staff to accurately identify the age of trees in the national forests. Involve researchers, ecologists, and other outside experts in the identification and inventory process prior to implementing a logging plan .

Plan for future old growth, plan so that there will be more old growth (>120 yrs old) in 40 years.

This means leaving stands of trees >80 years old. Plan for a network of future old growth, NOT LOGGING every tree less than 120 yrs old, through an open, participatory, and scientifically sound process involving experts (from outside the forest service) and the public.

Old growth forests play a major role in carbon sequestration for mitigating impacts of climate change, and do not require "management", ie logging. There is not a scientific basis for the practice of logging old growth, greenwash how you may. Please research the true importance of old growth forests in carbon sequestration.

Prohibit sending old growth trees to the timber mills. This will de-incentivize logging old growth if the market for it is eliminated.

The forest service has lost the trust of the taxpaying public, the users of the national forests, because of current logging practices. The forest service must work to regain the trust by creating an old growth plan that protects all old growth and creates a future for new old growth in all our national forests. We see you and we see what you are doing. We know that timber targets are your number one priority. Stop Now. Stop logging NOW of Old Growth and near Old Growth in all our national forests, in every state.

Thank you for reading my comments.