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Comments: Hi, I signed on to a couple form letters, but also wanted to include some more personal comments. I appreciate the work you do and I want to encourage you to continue doing whatever you can to protect this wonderful characteristic our region. Forests provide us with so many ecological and cultural benefits and it is critically important that we manage them in a way that ensures their health and longevity. While I do not believe this precludes any form of logging, we must foster and protect old-growth forests.

I believe that any amendments to the management plan should:

- Incorporate Tribal input
- Preserve connected wildlife habitat, particularly in older forests
- Focus fire-resistance efforts near homes (and not mature forests) and pursue non-commercial approaches to fuels management
- Recognize the many benefits that mature forests provide including clean water, climate stability, and cultural/recreational activities

Thanks!