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Comments: Dear Public Servants: Please consider the increasing risk of catastrophic loss of habitat and stored carbon in our national forests of Region 6. This loss is sadly illustrated by the devastating loss in California forests over the last 10 years. Old growth, including giant sequoia have been lost in fires exacerbated by decades of build up of fuels combined with climate change. There is still time to prevent some of this loss by cooperating with state, tribal, and private landowners to treat excessive fuel build-up along roads and ownership boundaries. This can protect the most essential spotted owl and other habitat from catastrophic loss. Consider the president's recent executive order and the Fix Our Forests Act in making your revised forest plan for Region 6. Fuel treatments are especially critical east of the Cascades. Use Good Neighbor Authority and comanagement with tribes to accomplish effective fuel management, including increased prescribed burning.