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Comments: As an American citizen, I want the Forest Service to protect the biodiversity of our oldest forests. I am strongly opposed to opening protected forests to logging and allowing older trees to be logged.

The proposed increase in logging ignores the Forest Service's duty to protect species listed under the Endangered Species Act, and would drive northern spotted owls, marbled murrelets, salmonids, and other old-growth dependent species toward extinction.

Instead, I urge the Forest Service to protect all remaining mature and old-growth forests in the Plan area to preserve ecosystems, save more carbon-storing trees, and improve fire resilience.

In Alternative D, the proposed increased logging under the guise of "fuels reduction" is a handout to the logging industry and will make wildfires worse by removing older, fire resilient trees. It would also cause harm to biodiversity and watersheds.

The Forest Service should select Alternative C with modifications to prohibit post-fire salvage logging, which harms an ecosystem's regeneration processes, increases water pollution, and reduces carbon storage; and incorporate the commitments to tribal stewardship contained in the other alternatives.