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Comments: The proposed amendment puts our old growth forests at risk. This adversely affects wildlife, particularly endangered species, air and water quality for our communities, and tribal cooperative programs. Thinning and logging increases fire risk. The closed canopies of old growth forests retain moisture and actually reduce fire risk. These moist forests also sequester more carbon, thus improving climate outcomes. Clear cuts also hurt local residents and economies that depend on outdoor sports and eco-tourism. Please do not implement the proposed amendment which will put timber interests ahead of community, tribal, and best forest management practices.

Thank you.