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Comments: As a person of faith and conscience, I want to continue to see our oldest forests protected. I oppose opening up logging for older trees

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This significant increase in logging ignores the Forest Service's duty to protect species listed under the Endangered Species Act. It will also lead to old-growth dependent trees 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.

The proposed increased logging will also reduce the landscape's resilience to wildfire. The logging that could occur pursuant to the Proposed Action and Alternative D under the guise of "fuels reduction" largely represents a handout to the logging industry and could make wildfires worse by removing older, fire resilient trees.

The Forest Service will hopefully modify and select Alternative C to better protect ecosystems, increase carbon storage, and meaningfully incorporate Tribes into forest management. While Alternative C is more protective of ecosystem function than the Proposed Action, it fails to incorporate the tribal involvement provisions contained in the Proposed Action and should be modified to include the same robust commitments to Tribal stewardship contained in the other action alternatives.