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Comments: As an ecology student I desperately want to see our old growth forests protected. Increase protections for mature and old-growth forests to ensure habitat and water quality protections remain and to allow for carbon sequestration. Prioritize restoration efforts, we cannot risk losing more old growth.

Ensure NEPA and ESA protections remain and are strengthened.

Genuinely consult with Tribes, prioritize their input and implementation of Traditional Ecological Knowledge.

Respect their sovereignty and provide resources to support their full participation in all decision-making matters.

Address environmental justice by analyzing impacts on air, water, and communities as the current administration seeks to attack Diversity, Equity and Inclusion along with a roll back of environmental regulations and protections.

Shift wildfire strategies to prioritize tribal response with community safety and proven prevention measures over logging. Ensure restoration of native plants and protection of all old growth which are our most fire resilient and are natural carbon sinks where the redwood forest alone sequesters more carbon per acre than any other forest known. As the climate crisis worsens, there is no room for mismanagement of one of our most critical allies: our forests and global lungs. Protect our old growth indefinitely. Maintaining and expanding protection for forest reserves is critical to preserving biodiversity, clean water, and the long-term climate benefits our forests provide.