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Comments: As an ecologist, a former PNW Research station employee and a researcher on climate/carbon storage I would be thrilled to see a forest plan that offers additional protections to old growth forests to allow for optimum chances for climate adaptation/storage. Old growth forest protections should be paired with thinning and restoration of our second growth stands to hasten old growth characteristics and improved productivity while creating structural heterogeneity, enhanced biodiversity, and forest resilience. Thinning if mindfully done could ensure a sustainable wood supply for local communities while enhancing forest health.