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Comments: To identify old trees that should be protected from logging, the agency should set up a system to receive coordinates from members of the public marking the location of old trees or stands (perhaps geotagged photos). Such citizen-science ground truthing could prevent the accidental inclusion in sales and subsequent harvest of old or very old trees present in younger stands that were not discovered by the methods described in the current draft. Emerging approaches such as LIDAR could also be used to remove a stand or a tree from harvest consideration, but not to decide that a stand is eligible for harvest, as we should be more cautious about harvesting trees we should not, than about not harvesting trees that we could.

Similarly, the overall distinction between moist and broad forests should be mapped as part of this plan and the public should be allowed to comment on the map (or at least the methodology), this could prevent misclassification that could lead to the harvest of unintended stands.

Thank you.