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National Old Growth Amendment Update

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Thank you for your ongoing interest in the National Old Growth Amendment. On December 20, 2023, the Forest Service published a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for consistent land management plan direction for old-growth forest conditions across the National Forest System. On June 21, 2024, the Forest Service published the notice of availability of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS). During the 90-day comment period that followed the publication of the DEIS, the Agency hosted virtual engagements, information sessions and regional field meetings across the country. Over 300,000 comments were received and analyzed.

Through a forthcoming Federal Register notice, the Agency has decided to withdraw the notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement and will not be publishing a final environmental impact statement. This effort has helped us to identify a wealth of best available scientific information on old growth, and our engagement with you has allowed us to gain important insights that can help to guide our future stewardship of these special forests. To learn more about our ongoing work with old growth forests, please see the [Mature and Old Growth website](#) and [Inside the Forest Service](#).

Again, thank you for your interest and engagement throughout the National Old Growth Amendment process.

Sincerely,
Linda Walker
Director, Washington Office
Ecosystem Management Coordination

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