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CC: Jennifer McRae, Assistant Director, Public Engagement & Planning, and Christopher French, Deputy Chief, USDA Forest Service

Re: Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Amendments to Land Management Plans to Address Old-Growth Forests Across the National Forest System

Dear Ms. Walker:

The undersigned individuals write to you with comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Amendments to Land Management Plans to Address Old-Growth Forests Across the National Forest System.

Mature and old-growth trees and forests protect our climate by absorbing and storing carbon, boost resilience to fire, help regulate temperatures, filter drinking water and shelter wildlife. Logging them deprives us of the benefits and beauty of our largest, oldest, and rarest trees and forests.

The US Forest Service's National Old Growth Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to protect old-growth trees and forests. The proposal allows old-growth trees to be sent to the mill and allows agency staff to manage old-growth out of existence in pursuit of “proactive stewardship” goals. The draft also contains ambiguous language that could be used to justify continued commercial logging of old growth in Alaska's Tongass National Forest, the largest expanse of old-growth forest in federal ownership.

In the Northeast, the US Forest Service admits that less than one-half of one-percent of the White and Green Mountain National Forests is in an old-growth condition. And yet the Forest Service proposes to allow logging in what little old-growth remains, and provides no protection for mature (or future old-growth) forests.

The final record of decision should:

1. End the cutting of old-growth trees in all national forests and forest types and end the cutting of any trees in old-growth stands in moist forest types, like those across the majority of the Eastern US.
2. End any commercial exchange of old-growth trees. Even in the rare circumstances where an old-growth tree is cut (e.g. public safety), that tree should not be sent to the mill.

Cutting down old-growth trees or stands to save them from "potential threats" is a self-serving solution that benefits the timber industry, not forests.

We urge you to take this opportunity to protect our oldest trees and forests. Failure to do so undermines the objectives of the National Old Growth Amendment, contravenes the direction of EO 14072, and ignores 500,000+ public comments the agency received on last summer's advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

You can view each petition signer and any unique comments they wrote below.

Thank you,

1. Zack Porter (ZIP code: 05602)

2. Phyllis Rubenstein (ZIP code: 05602)

Mature and old growth forests must be protected from logging on public land. Science supports the critical function of mature and old growth forests in our environment from sequestering and storing carbon to reducing erosion from flooding to protecting our water sources and to promoting the stability of natural habitats. The Amendment undermines President Biden's executive order.

3. Kim Reichart (ZIP code: 21225)

4. Betsy Blakeslee (ZIP code: 94563)

5. John Popielaski (ZIP code: 06480)

Mature and old-growth trees and forests are lifeboats for native biodiversity, reduce the risk of flooding, protect our climate by absorbing and storing carbon, help regulate temperatures, clean our air, filter drinking water, and support mental and physical health. Logging them deprives us of the benefits and beauty of our largest, oldest, and rarest trees and forests.

6. Leslie Abrahams (ZIP code: 06033)

Protect our mature and old growth forests for the future. Respect these valuable natural resources.

7. Leslie Martin (ZIP code: 55077)

8. Susan Newton (ZIP code: 93924)

9. Lee Ketelsen (ZIP code: 01720)

10. Mary Conley (ZIP code: 10579)

Please do not allow this to happen. We need every tree we can save

11. Lynda HUTCHINS (ZIP code: 05760)

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12. Carol Fleischman (ZIP code: 19003)

13. susan lybeck (ZIP code: 05743)
save old growth

14. Frank White (ZIP code: 05682)

15. Midori Batten (ZIP code: 05443)
The right side of history on this is very clear, keep the trees standing - for everyone's future. **16. Laura Simon** (ZIP code: 05001)

We MUST allow more old forests to grow. Stop cutting them!

17. Daniel Batten (ZIP code: 05443)

18. J. Willam Stubblefield (ZIP code: 01379-9721)
Failure to extend protection to Mature forests with the potential to become Old Growth is a crime against Earth, as is management, read logging, of Old Growth Forests!

19. Alan Coulter (ZIP code:)
How about trying not to be the biggest threat to old and mature forests on public land in the US — both historically and at present?

20. chris matera (ZIP code: 01060)
There is no "need" to log these forests. Don't buy the propaganda.

21. Candy Jones (ZIP code: 05701)
With all of the recent flooding we have had, it only stands to reason that we should protect the forests that we have as a valuable resource toward holding soil, absorbing water, and sequestering co2.

22. Leslie LaCroix (ZIP code: 05088)

23. Chris Hardee (ZIP code: 03466)

24. Eesha Williams (ZIP code: 05301)

25. Susan Burt (ZIP code: 05301)
Save our mature and old growth forests.

26. Cole Dubois (ZIP code: 02896)

27. Anne Lloyd (ZIP code: 05443)

28. Scott Powell (ZIP code: 03259)

I vote and this logging of old growth is BS and all about the money

29. Genevieve Christy (ZIP code: 03897)

Our magnificent mature and old growth forests are facing many threats from our warming climate. Our government forest service should not be added as another threat

30. barb Powell (ZIP code: 03259)

31. Gabriel Wisswaesser (ZIP code: 98325)

The leasing of restrictions to protect old growth is unacceptable and doesn't profit society.

32. Bridget Morris (ZIP code: 05403)

33. Bren Angelillo (ZIP code: 05672)

34. Elizabeth Loughran (ZIP code: 03897)

Stopping timber cuts in old growth forests is both the easiest and the most effective way to increase the sequestering of carbon and have a positive effect in limiting climate change.

35. Kristina Cameron (ZIP code: 60615)

There is no ecological justification for logging in old-growth (or mature) stands in moist forests across the US. The US Forest Service suggests that mature and old-growth forests need to be logged for their own benefit, but science says otherwise. Old and wild forests are more resilient to disturbances that are likely to increase in frequency and intensity with climate change; they store several times more carbon than younger forests; they are more effective at reducing the impacts of flooding; and they provide a full range of habitat niches, from early to late successional conditions, required by native species. Logging to preemptively remove trees that could become infected by insects (such as emerald ash borer or hemlock wooly adelgid) or disease (such as beech bark or beech leaf disease), as well as salvage harvesting of dead trees, is often far more destructive to forest health and carbon storage than the perceived "threat" or "ailment."

36. Nicholas Lutz (ZIP code: 96778)

I am the Lorax and I speak for the TREES

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37. Peter MacAusland (ZIP code: 05401)

Please protect remaining old growth forest in the national forests. They are solely needed for sequestering carbon, maintaining wildlife habitat and enhancing adjacent forest restoration.

38. Amanda Swanson (ZIP code: 05701)

39. Judy Wood (ZIP code: 05747)

LEAVE STANDING TREES ALONE!!!!!!!

40. Pam Youngquist (ZIP code: 01230)

US Forest Service must revise their entire draft proposal to provide and ensure binding protection for mature trees as well as halt all commercial logging of old growth trees on all National Forest lands.

41. Susan Labarthe (ZIP code: 05602)

Mature and old-growth trees and forests are lifeboats for native biodiversity, reduce the risk of flooding, protect our climate by absorbing and storing carbon, help regulate temperatures, clean our air, filter drinking water, and support mental and physical health. Logging them deprives us of the benefits and beauty of our largest, oldest, and rarest trees and forests.

42. Theora Ward (ZIP code: 05461)

The US Forest Service should be protecting not destroying mature and old growth forests. They should be considering the future of our planet and our children, not corporations bottom lines.

43. Joseph Gainza (ZIP code: 05667)

It is well past time when US government agencies did the bidding of corporate interests. It makes no sense from a survival standpoint to cut down old growth forests while the climate crisis gets worse everyday.

44. Jennifer Grace (ZIP code: 05445)

45. Jean Rosenberg (ZIP code: 05753-8517)

Old growth forests produce value to us far far above the value of the lumber. If we are to survive, we need our old growth forests intact!

46. Maura King (ZIP code: 03886)

47. Josephine Carothers (ZIP code: 05061)

The need for old growth forests is acute. They store more carbon. They provide habitat for animal species we need to keep alive.

48. Staley McDermet (ZIP code: 05301-7951)

49. Eric Jones (ZIP code: 03238)

My wife and I have saved as forever wild 1500 New Hampshire acres. We are appalled and saddened by The Forest Service's response to President Biden's Executive Order (EO) regarding Mature and Old Growth forests.

I hope your efforts to thwart the intent of this EO will hasten the conversion of all National Forests to National Parks.

50. Robert Wipfler (ZIP code: 03768)

51. Eric Biemuller (ZIP code: 08505)

Preserve mature and old-growth forests in perpetuity to sustain biodiversity and mitigate the ravages of global warming!

52. Judith Wade (ZIP code: 05465)

Old growth forests are our defense system.

53. Douglas Zehner (ZIP code: 05491)

It's high time to seriously protect our old growth forests in perpetuity from the ravages of selfish capitalism.

54. Bryan Miller (ZIP code: 05647)

55. Jonathan Kilbourn (ZIP code: 01060)

Protect and expand our wild areas. It's important for local economies, for biodiversity and for climate.

56. Catherine Hafey (ZIP code: 01330)

57. Susannah Tann (ZIP code: 03765)

Please protect mature and old growth forests from logging. Thank you.

58. Bob Summers (ZIP code: 05401-4632)

59. Nadine Haynes (ZIP code: 98632)

The old growth forests needs to be saved nation wide to preserve them for the wild life who call them their homes

60. Bonnie Brown (ZIP code: 05358)

61. Laurel Green (ZIP code: 05101)

Leave the mature and old-growth trees standing for the sake of our planet, our children and grand children, and to nurture our spiritual lives. There is an ancient Sitka Spruce I know and consider my "grandmother." My relationship with this tree had lasted over 50 years. I pray that she will stand long after I am dead.

62. Meghan Riege (ZIP code: 05047)

63. David Wen Riccardi-Zhu (ZIP code: 10044)

64. Kathleen Schindler (ZIP code: 01002)

65. Thomas Desellier (ZIP code: 01033)

Old growth forest add a different dimension to our overall assemblage of various ecosystems. Once cut, this is lost forever.

66. Wallace Elton (ZIP code: 05753)

We need REAL protection for remaining old growth for so many reasons. If the Forest Service can't do this, Congress must act.

67. Christine Copeland (ZIP code: 01360-9758)

"Forever wild" is an asset, not a concession.

68. Kathryn Grover (ZIP code: 05037)

69. Dr. Hubert Ling (ZIP code: 08807)

It takes hundreds of years to produce old growth forests. Can't we keep what we have and grow young forests on land that is currently unproductive?

70. Lori Bradley (ZIP code: 01247)

71. Whitney Tibolt (ZIP code: 02109)

The pleasure of experiencing a living giant far outweighs the benefit of killing one. Please leave some trees for my daughter.

72. Peter Rogers (ZIP code: 01267)

73. Judy Kowalczyk (ZIP code: 05753)

74. Rona Fried (ZIP code: 11746)

Why does the Forest Service never live up to its mission of protecting our forests???

75. Chris Anderson (ZIP code: 05255)

Please, save our planet! We need forests more than wood for fuel, building, or goods. Without the planet, we will have no use for any of those items. Do we go for the here and now, sacrificing our future, or choose survival?

I vote for survival!

76. Donna Thomas (ZIP code: 01247)

Please stop and preserve this natural beauty.

77. Cheryl Lefave (ZIP code: 01247)

This cannot happen because it will destroy a place that is loved and used by so many...

78. Mildred Ling (ZIP code: 08807)

Lets protect our mature and old growth forests from logging. It is not a solution to anything.

79. Maureen Baran (ZIP code: 01247)

80. Stephanie Moffett-Hynds (ZIP code: 05250)

81. Victoria Shih (ZIP code: 75025)

82. Lisa McGiffert (ZIP code: 03779)

These old growth trees are mothers to the forest. Preserve them!

83. Sandra Stephens (ZIP code: 46258)

84. Kristin Borquist (ZIP code: 05445)

Protecting forests and have sustainable logging is possible if methods change.

85. Audrey Famette (ZIP code: 05602)

86. David Pistilli (ZIP code: 05753-1338)

87. Letitia Upton (ZIP code: 02461)

88. Peter Whipple (ZIP code: 03817)

U.S. Forest Service policy has got to change and bring itself in line with current research. Continuing with the "business as usual" policies is not acceptable.

89. Robert Schelling (ZIP code: 05346)

The value of old growth and mature trees can not be over stated. They are the most precious part of our forests, and to lose the few stands we have left represents a huge mistake of forest management. Please be part of doing the right thing and protect our ancient trees. Please.

90. Darryl Bloom (ZIP code: 05404)

91. Robert Kinney (ZIP code: 01060)

Ecological flourishing > short term profits. We're creating the conditions for an unlivable planet and must do all we can to preserve what remains.

92. Anne Christie (ZIP code: 05740)

93. David Skopin (ZIP code: 05452)

Old growth forests are a must save.

94. Pamela Kelly (ZIP code: 01301)

I am working to develop a nationwide network of those advocating for protection of forests, especially old growth and forests with larger, older canopy trees. WHY? They are helping the human race, among others, survive. Let's hope the USDA Forest Service changes the way it measures success, to the preservation of forests especially those with the capacity to expand carbon sequestration (rtaher than mesuring board feet!) Otherwise you emperil life of all kinds on Mother Earth . You cannot "buy" your way out of arguements with Her! No job is worth that cost!

95. Tom Neilson, Ed.D. (ZIP code: 01301)

96. Steven and Helen Kellogg (ZIP code: 12936-0280)

Thank-you to the inspired gang at Standing Trees for your commitment to the magnificent stands of forest acreage in the Northeast.

97. Peggy Newfield (ZIP code: 05827)

Protect mature and old-growth forests from logging. Follow science. Follow eco-system survival and resilience needs. For all things living on the earth.

98. John DiLego (ZIP code: 01247)

99. Jon Mcgrath (ZIP code: 01247)

100. Stephanie Nyzio (ZIP code: 05060)

In addition to this informative letter, I will add that I live in Vermont. We are desperately trying to save our mature forests and old growth trees. We have very few and our diversity of species suffers. Please support this initiative!

101. herve Barrier (ZIP code: 08816)

102. Joy Kaubin (ZIP code: 01347)

103. Mackenzie Liu (ZIP code: 05055)

104. Gretchin Witman (ZIP code: 01351)

105. Letitia Scordino (ZIP code: 05251)

Stop logging old-growth trees and forests. It's just plain stupid! We need these trees to combat climate change.

106. Lauren Dever (ZIP code: 05739)

107. Carl Bucholt (ZIP code: 05255)

108. Mary Mester (ZIP code: 05772)

109. John Pitcher (ZIP code: 05251)

110. Shell Hines (ZIP code: 01378)

111. hannah lewis (ZIP code: 05255)

112. Ann Vanneman (ZIP code: 05773)

OF COURSE we save old growth trees! There needs to be a variety of age classes as well as species. DIVERSITY is one of the most important keys to vigor in any system. It's akin to hybrid vigor.

113. L Allen (ZIP code: 05158)

Please act as if all of our lives depend on these old growth trees/forests staying intact...because indeed they do.

114. Karen Horn (ZIP code: 05491)

Old growth trees should be treated as precious gifts which will help sequester carbon, along with their other benefits. We need them standing now, as they are not replaceable in the time we have left.

115. Trois Moore (ZIP code: 03045)

This is SO important!!!! Keep the loggers out!!

116. David Brandau (ZIP code: 05068)

117. Rebecca Dorian (ZIP code: 05753)

118. Sylvia Knight (ZIP code: 05408)

Old growth forests are treasures we need to slow global warming, protect wildlife and water quality. Preservation does more good for the community of life than consumption and short-term use for profit. I am a tax-payer, and I want my tax dollars to work for preservation of life.

119. Elizabeth Bancroft (ZIP code: 05649)

120. LYNNE MAN (ZIP code: 01462)

I agree with the statements made in this petition.

121. Bruce MAN (ZIP code: 01462)

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122. Peter Cummings (ZIP code: 05766)

123. Nicholas Branton (ZIP code: 19428)

124. Debra Kraemer (ZIP code: 05075)

These stately trees must be protected and saved. What a folly to cut these absorbers & storers of carbon, filterers of clean water, and supporters of biodiversity.

PLEASE STOP THE LOGGING.

thank you

125. Dave Lipstreu (ZIP code: 43055)

As a certified, professional public sector land planner for well over thirty years, I can personally attest to the value of protecting mature and old growth trees! Their value in mitigating the effects of accelerating global climate destabilization is well established. Further, trees are invaluable in attenuating the effects of increasingly large volumes of stormwater resulting from less frequent but heavier rainfall events. Their role in sediment and erosion control, as well as the reduction in the severity of fires is also well established. The scientific evidence fully supports the safeguarding and protection of mature and old growth forests! The US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management must stop bending to the will of the commercial logging and wood products industries NOW! Our publicly owned forests are a public trust and must be cared for and protected, stewarded, not "managed", for countless future generations! The greatest threat to our mature and old growth forests is commercial exploitation, i.e., logging, not wildfires and invasive species. Protect these precious resources NOW!

126. Lisa Mazzola (ZIP code: 33612)

127. Kirsten Elin (ZIP code: 03755)

Stop destroying our old growth forests. They sustain precious life, capture carbon, and take way

more years to re grow than we will have left if we continue on our current money-above-life path.

128. Richard Previer (ZIP code: 03819)

Preserve our Old Growth Forests.

129. Bruce Schulman (ZIP code: 02840)

130. Greg Dennis (ZIP code: 05753)

131. Megan Duffy (ZIP code: 5661)

132. Rachel Ross (ZIP code: 94608)

Old growth forests are a rare ecosystem that many species depend on. With the threat climate change poses to biodiversity, it is critical to preserve these forests. If they are cut, they will not grow back in any of our lifetimes. Our grandchildren will be left with even more damage to repair.

133. Lindsey Kayman (ZIP code: 8540)

134. Ann Spanel (ZIP code: 02140)

Old Growth Forests are our best defense against climate change.
Don't cut them.

135. Cathlin Cote (ZIP code: 03051)

Protect our old growth forests please. They are an important treasure that should be respected and saved.

136. Eppa Rixey (ZIP code: 02140)

Please protect these precious resources for our future and the future of our natural world.

137. David Pistilli (ZIP code: 05753-1338)

138. Robin Bledsoe (ZIP code: 02140)

I wholeheartedly support this petition.

139. Sylvia Fine (ZIP code: 02140)

140. Kate Schaefer (ZIP code: 05001)

Please protect mature and old growth forests from logging!

141. Alan Baker (ZIP code: 03590)

142. Suzanne Enser (ZIP code: 05048)

143. Gary Burditt (ZIP code: 80537)

144. Laura Cameron (ZIP code: 03106)

145. Debra Sprague (ZIP code: 05443)

146. Christina Martin (ZIP code: 05091)

147. Sean Coughlin (ZIP code: 03103)

Logging is not conservation. Please protect our old growth forests before they disappear.

148. Sarah Bourne (ZIP code: 05753)

149. Linden Jenkins (ZIP code: 02139)

150. Cynthia Coughlin (ZIP code: 03054)

Protect mature and old-growth forests from logging!

151. David Harris (ZIP code: 02472)

152. Sabrina Shen (ZIP code: 02139)

153. Brandon Conrad (ZIP code: 02145)

154. Chad Wilson (ZIP code: 02-39)

155. Helen Fulmer (ZIP code: 02139)

156. Judyta Frodyma (ZIP code: 01773)

157. Sarah Lewis (ZIP code: 05403)

The green mountains and white mountains forest deserve to be protected to keep our wildlife and our future children healthy

158. Andrew Stern (ZIP code: 02139)

Please keep old growth forests in tact.

159. Ethan Butterworth (ZIP code: 02145)

160. Jean Fiocchi (ZIP code: 01375)

161. Rebecca Lee (ZIP code: 02169)

162. Pam Steel (ZIP code: 02116)

Not only should old growth trees be protected but new trees need to be planted when you cut forests . Our planet needs trees to mitigate the effects of climate change.,. You just cannot keep cutting!

163. Lucy Nguyen (ZIP code: 02472)

Please do not pass the US Forest services proposal to remove age restrictions in logging that would allow the removal of old growth tree. Consider revising generation-old forestry practices to adapt to modern day climate needs, acknowledge impacts to local communities, and explore sustainable logging!

164. Dawn Vallejo (ZIP code: 01950)

165. Peggy Lynch (ZIP code: 02139)

166. lisa burke (ZIP code: 05065)

Thank you for this work!!

It is time to usher in a new epoch that understands and respects that we are interconnected with all forms of life.

We need the big trees and mature forests to help sequester the excess CO2 that we emit and can't seem to abate.

167. Jonathan Sheffi (ZIP code: 01773)

168. joseph attamante (ZIP code: 07960-5057)

169. MICHAEL LEVINE (ZIP code: 05602)

170. Jacob Klaybor (ZIP code: 02139)

171. Monica Heartwood (ZIP code: 05766)

Please protect our old growth forests. We the people do not want them logged. Thank you.

172. Megan Morris (ZIP code: 02143)

173. Raffi Matos (ZIP code: 01901)

Protect our tress!!

174. Bruce Freeberg (ZIP code: 03784)

Please spare these ancient trees-- They're more valuable alive than dead.

175. Patricia Hunt (ZIP code: 05443-1305)

176. Elyse Ruback (ZIP code: 03103)

177. Elizabeth Paquette (ZIP code: 05443)

178. Laura Borth (ZIP code: 02188)

179. Wendy Kasper (ZIP code: 03450)

180. Dawn Serra (ZIP code: 05491)

181. Gwendolyn Claflin (ZIP code: 02420)

182. Teddy Parkinson (ZIP code: 97031)

183. maya jha (ZIP code: 02468)

184. Emma Hoover (ZIP code: 05250)

185. Bernadette Osborn (ZIP code: 05753)

186. Will Hinkle (ZIP code: 06824)

187. lily weissman (ZIP code: 55104)

188. sarah heller (ZIP code: 12203)

189. Calder Lange (ZIP code: 98110)

190. Lucy Rector (ZIP code: 98111")

Please protect our forests!

191. Theodore Howard (ZIP code: 12061)

192. Lily Snow (ZIP code: 05753)

Please protect old growth forests!

193. Susan Humphrey (ZIP code: 05753-9759)

Please, please protect our older trees. Please review the current science. NO logging in old-growth forests!!

194. Alice White (ZIP code: 05733)

195. Judy Wiger-Grohs (ZIP code: 05753)

196. Leslie Kameny (ZIP code: 05753)

197. Don Monroe (ZIP code: 05753)

198. jill vickers (ZIP code: 05734)

Think future generations and our legacy as keepers of the Earth. Please leave old-growth trees be.

199. Sally Thodal (ZIP code: 05753)

Please do not allow logging in old growth forest in the Green Mountain National Forest, including the Telephone Gap project.

200. Itai Gal (ZIP code: 05301)

201. Leigh Seddon (ZIP code: 05602)

202. Elizabeth Hoffman (ZIP code: 05346)

203. Evelyn Coltman (ZIP code: 28786)

204. Alessandra Nichols (ZIP code: 05833)

This is a must! And only a begining.

205. Cindy and Christine Guarnieri (ZIP code: 06905)

Save our Forests - they are the BACKBONE of our environments, our Planet !! They are vitally important for our ecosystems, our air quality, our climate change system, they are home to our wildlife, and important for people too.

206. Bruce and Maureen DeNunzio (ZIP code: 06854)

207. Valerie Sotere (ZIP code: 06460)

Our wild animals need forests as their safe havens. Trees clean the air, they provide shade and wonderful peace and quiet for our environments.

208. Slowomir and Irene Przybysz (ZIP code: 06897)

209. Sam Reynolds (ZIP code: 05401)

210. Peter Erb (ZIP code: 05461)

211. Elizabet Cooper (ZIP code: 05757)

212. John Davis (ZIP code: 12936)

For ecological, climatic, aesthetic, spiritual, and recreational reasons, our nation -- which is affluent enough to transition smoothly toward true sustainability -- should fully protect all public lands as wildlife habitat. At the very least, we should end logging and other commercial exploitation of all mature and old-growth forests on public lands, especially on National Forests.

213. Eesha Williams (ZIP code: 05301)

214. Alexandra Murphy (ZIP code: 05443)

215. Lisa Vandermade (ZIP code: 05491)

216. Donna Fialkoff (ZIP code: 05482)

217. margot lasher (ZIP code: 05651)

Please stop logging our old growth forests. We need them - they protect us as well as themselves.

218. Barbara Nelson (ZIP code: 05766)

219. NK A (ZIP code: 33073)

220. Janet Bloom (ZIP code: 03229)

SAVE THE OLD GROWTH TREES!!!

221. MaryJane Sarvis (ZIP code: 05262)

222. Ann Randall (ZIP code: 05255)

223. Laura Yanne (ZIP code: 05761)

The beleaguered earth doesn't have time to regenerate and regrow forests. Old growth forest habitats and carbon capturing must be saved. We know their value; it is heedless and criminal to ignore it.

224. Stephanie Walker (ZIP code: 05747)

Just answer one question, "Why?" Can you ask yourself WHY and give an honest answer that makes the destruction of past and future life worth it? Can you give that answer to your children and your grand children. Does your heart feel full when you say that answer out loud? Can you even look yourself in the mirror and say it out loud? Can you look back on your legacy in 10 or 20 years and exclaim, "YES!" with all your heart, believing that razing our forests and destroying old growth was the way to go? Don't do this.

225. Jennifer Wiley (ZIP code: 03897)

We need our USDA Forest Service to protect the LIFE that mature and old growth forests uniquely provide on this earth, not protect temporary PROFITS that logging intends to support.

226. Siobhan Young (ZIP code: 05360)

227. Carolyn Hack (ZIP code: 05075)

White Pines in Vermont soared to 300 feet tall until they were cut for the King's navy before the American Revolution. Vermont was 75-80% clear cut during the 19th Century. To sell a forest that has grown only half-way back to climax stage speaks to the greed of some and the foolishness of others. The health of our citizens both human and otherwise cannot be assured if nature has no refuge. Let our ancient forests restore themselves to a degree that keeps a promise to the inhabitants of the future that they will have the opportunity to sit in the solace of wilderness. Let the trees grow for the benefit of all rather than to profit the few.

228. EDWARD WETHERBY (ZIP code: 05701)

PLEASE ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO PROTECT MATURE AND OLD GROWTH FORESTS FROM LOGGING!!

SINCERELY ,

EDWARD CHRISTOPHER WETHERBY
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229. Kelly McCracken (ZIP code: 05602)

230. BOB VESOTA (ZIP code: 05161)

231. Elsa Gordon (ZIP code: 04210)

232. Ava DeCamillis (ZIP code: 04103)

233. Lillian Wimler (ZIP code: 06480)

234. Grace Butler (ZIP code: 01880)

235. Ryan Arp (ZIP code: 12309)

236. Melissa Hall (ZIP code: 05444)

The forest must be protected to have longevity in our wilderness. Protect the old growth and mature forests, or there will be nothing left to grow.

237. Eden Milczanowski (ZIP code: 02648)

238. Cassandra Vanderhoof (ZIP code: 05871)

239. Cheryl Joy Lipton (ZIP code: 05143)

240. Barthold Bouricius (ZIP code: 01351)

241. Rick Enser (ZIP code: 05048)

242. Jack Cappiello (ZIP code: 02356)

243. Shamus Flaherty (ZIP code: 01960)

244. Garrett Brooker (ZIP code: 29492)

245. Anna Daggett (ZIP code: 05461)

246. angeline salo (ZIP code: 05156)

247. iago lopez (ZIP code: 14850)

248. Shannon Gillett (ZIP code: 05753)

249. Connor Swales (ZIP code: 01835)
I love forests

250. Bennett Clark (ZIP code: 05439)

251. Jersey Miller (ZIP code: 55419) Make
protecting our old growth forests a priority!

252. Kevin Greabell (ZIP code:

11754) **253. Zoe Devine** (ZIP code:

55731)

254. Joshua Brogi (ZIP code: 20740)

255. Connor Krunkkala (ZIP code: 04049)

256. Cameron Croce (ZIP code: 05432)

257. Leah DeFilippo (ZIP code: 14905)

258. Catrina Gallagher (ZIP code: 05871)

259. Abby Farrington (ZIP code: 05201)
Let our forests grow in peace!

260. Sawyer Pierpont (ZIP code: 05769)

261. Brian Gallagher (ZIP code: 05871)
Save the trees!

262. Samantha Stevenson (ZIP code: 05255)

263. Jasmine Duncan (ZIP code: 05464)

264. Martin Mario (ZIP code: 01890)

265. Hannah Weisgerber (ZIP code: 05068)

Protect mature and old growth forests! See Standing Trees' comment for more information.

266. Janie Marek (ZIP code: 05439)

Let the trees live

267. Sean Morrissey (ZIP code: 05452)

Stop cutting down old growth forests! Let forests grow old!

268. Chris Gish (ZIP code: 05065)

269. Helene Gallagher (ZIP code: 05871)

270. Ashley Adams (ZIP code: 05401)

Old growth forests are our life supports AND our children's life insurance policy against an uninhabitable planet. Please, I urge you to protect old growth forests from logging and allow mature forests to BECOME old growth.

271. Walter Medwid (ZIP code: 05829)

272. Jack Polatchek (ZIP code: 03031)

273. Claus Lund (ZIP code: 05682)

274. Bruce Schulman (ZIP code: 05674)

proforestation needs to be the policy --- wait until the end of their natural life before harvesting
Its not only trees, its habitat and environment as well...

275. Catherine Lickfield (ZIP code: 05682)

Please preserve the old growth. We need it. The earth needs it. The climate needs it.

276. Robert Wycoff (ZIP code: 91101)

Yes, Protect mature and old-growth forests

277. Deana Thomas (ZIP code: 02857)

278. Abby Colihan (ZIP code: 05602)

We can't afford to make mistakes by cutting down old growth forests and further jeopardizing our ability to combat climate change.

279. Catherine Bock (ZIP code: 05401)

Please do everything you can to protect our old growth forests for the sake of all species who come after us. Thank you

280. Kathy Ferris (ZIP code: 05491)

281. Daniel Comar (ZIP code: 05753)

282. Carole Petrillo (ZIP code: 05075)

Please save our old growth trees! We need them to keep our planet healthy.

283. Jessica Pierce (ZIP code: 05143-8989)

284. Lawrence Pierce (ZIP code: 05143)

Please protect old growth forests from logging and profits. Don't allow any cutting of old growth. There is very little left. The science can be manipulated to justify just this little bit being used. Not true. It has to stop somewhere. Please don't let it be after it's all gone.

285. Philip Gillette (ZIP code: 02139)

286. Samuel Cohen (ZIP code: 02139)

287. Reyveka Magnifique (ZIP code: 97005)

Please stop commercial logging of this incredibly rare precious resource!

288. Mark Nelson (ZIP code: 05766)

Save our Mature and Old Growth forests for those that depend on them for healthy lives and for future generations.

289. Alec McLeod (ZIP code: 02940)

290. Nancy Goodale (ZIP code: 05701-4770)

Protect mature and old-growth forests from logging. They collect carbon, promote biodiversity, and help prevent flooding. They will join us in attacking climate change.

291. Julie Huss (ZIP code: 14580)

292. trevien stanger (ZIP code: 05477)

Please read and consider!

293. Jacalyn Thompson (ZIP code: 03897)

294. Carole Cummings (ZIP code: 05766)

save our old growth please!

295. Mike Cummings (ZIP code: 05766)

no more cutting of resilient mature forests!

296. terri phelps (ZIP code: 05766)

no more cutting of the old giants!

297. bruce mccarty (ZIP code: 05766)

298. Marie Zenkel (ZIP code: 14625)

299. Kassia Randzio (ZIP code: 05602)

300. Celeste Randzio Porter (ZIP code: 05602)