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Dear Secretary Vilsack,

Please see the attached letter from outdoor industry leaders, writing to voice our support for the U.S. Forest Service's proposal to amend all 128 land management plans across the National Forest System to create a consistent framework for the conservation and recruitment of old-growth trees. The ecological, cultural, recreational, and climate benefits produced by healthy old-growth forests cannot be overstated. However, mature and old-growth trees face an array of threats, including wildfire, invasive species, disease, and commercial logging. As representatives of the broader outdoor recreation industry, we are deeply committed to supporting the preservation of mature and old-growth forests.

As always, let us know if you have any questions or if REI Co-op can be of service as you work to secure the health and vitality of our national forests.

Sincerely,

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