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ATTACHMENT: Form letter campaign, Adobe document 1000 pages with unique signatories

I strongly support protecting old-growth and mature forests on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service lands. I was excited to learn about President Biden's Executive Order 14072 that calls on your agencies to define, inventory and conserve these forests for at-risk species, climate mitigation, and other benefits for wildlife and people. I urge the Forest Service and BLM to:

- Adopt a rule that ensures that old-growth and mature forest protections will endure through time.
- Protect old and mature trees from logging.
- Start now by halting old-growth logging projects that are in development.

Thank you for considering these recommendations. Protecting America's old-growth and mature forests is one of the most important actions the Forest Service and BLM can take to combat the extinction and climate crises.