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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I've spent the last 23 years, since the attack on NYC 9/11/2001, planting and caring for trees next to the Chesapeake Bay on the northern neck of Virginia, between the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers. 400 years ago there was a forest from here to Texas with giant trees, closed canopy. Europeans cut 99.9% of that pinus palustris biome down.

Old growth forest is a rare commodity in the US. What percentage of the forests you manage are old growth? Five percent? Fifteen?

Stop cutting the old growth! Consider yourselves stewards of this national treasure and act in a conservative manner. Your practices, like allowing clear cutting on steep grades above waterways, are ill considered. Nurture and maintain our woodlands until 51% are old growth and stick to that number.

Implement stringent protection of the lands you take care of for Americans, your bosses, us.

Best regards,

Bill Emory (q. emoryi)

ATTACHMENT: 240201-rmh-eva-military-woods.jpg - black and white photo of planted trees and person and dog in the woods