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Thank you for your efforts to protect mature and old-growth forests. As your administration is developing new policies, they must protect our oldest trees. The Forest Service must permanently put a stop to the commercial exchange of old-growth trees. No old-growth trees should be sold to timber mills. Any old-growth policy that is developed by the Forest Service must apply to the Tongass National Forest, which stores more carbon than any other national forest. Finally, please enact durable protections for mature trees and forests as well as for old-growth. We have very little old-growth left and the only chance we have to restore what was lost is to protect our mature forests so that they can grow.

Sincerely,

Attachment ENVIROForestPetitions20240912 - MDE.pdf includes 1,135# names/signors and contact information.