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To: U.S. Forest Service Chief Randy Moore

Subject: Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System
#65356

Dear Mr. Moore

I urge you to fulfill President Biden's forest executive order by finalizing stronger standards to protect old growth, including ending all commercial logging of these vital trees and providing robust protections for mature forests against the threat of logging. Securing these natural climate solutions is crucial for U.S. climate policy and solidifies our global leadership in this area.

Many mature and old-growth forests are currently endangered by various proposed and ongoing logging projects, and the current proposal does not offer enough protection. We must ensure that these forests on federal lands, including national forests, remain intact to help mitigate climate change and preserve their natural benefits for future generations.

I ask you to strengthen the DEIS by preventing the logging or sale of old-growth trees and closing loopholes that could weaken these protections. The final decision should also provide clear protection for the Tongass National Forest-our national treasure-by removing any ambiguous language that might allow continued commercial logging there. Additionally, we request advancing protections for mature forests to ensure they become future old growth.

Thank you for your work on this DEIS and for considering my thoughts and opinions.

Sincerely,

Darris B Nelson

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