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Comments: attached are 2 comments signed by 38,889 supporters of Environment America

Attachment 1: Environment America Biden NOGA Public Comment 2024-9-18.pdf includes the following text and thousands of signatures

Dear President Biden,

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 and Bureau of Land Management 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 2: Environment America FS NOGA Public Comment 2024-9-18.pdf includes the following text and thousands of signatures

As you consider new policies to protect forests, they must protect our oldest trees from logging.

Old-growth trees are the backbone of the ecosystem. They help filter the water in the creeks and streambeds. They absorb pollution from the air. They create shelter for wildlife. And they provide shade and a beautiful sight for us. No old-growth trees should be sent to timber mills.

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.