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Re: Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System (65356)

Centuries-old trees are still growing across the country, but on federal forest lands many of them are vulnerable to logging. Once these ancient trees are cut down, old-growth trees will be lost forever. Our older forests are still being logged at an alarming rate -- this directly undermines the Biden administration's efforts to address climate change and protect 30% of lands and waters by 2030.

Old-growth and mature trees form the backbone of their ecosystems, absorbing carbon dioxide, maintaining genetic diversity and providing habitat for all sorts of life.

I urge you to take action to protect older forests and trees on public lands in the United States from logging, and to ensure federal agencies work to recover these carbon rich landscapes for their climate, biodiversity, and watershed benefits to our nation

Attachment OSPIRG Students comments.pdf includes 107 names/signors and contact information. The text was originally included as an attachment.