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Comments: The U.S. Forest Service must tackle the climate and biodiversity crises head-onby increasing the abundance and distribution of old forests across the NationalForest System. As you know, some members of Congress are pushing laws that would expandlogging in some of our nation's largest old-growth forests, allowing ancient grovesto be decimated. The Forest Service's commitment to creating an amendmentthat protects old-growth from commercial logging is a meaningful step in theright direction. Many people have demanded this kind of measure for decades, and forestprotection continues to have broad support. In order to be effective, the NationalOld-Growth Amendment must:[bull] Fully include the Tongass National Forest in Alaska;[bull] Stop precious, old-growth trees from being cut and sent off to the mill; and[bull] Immediately enact durable protections for maturing forests, to ensure that theydevelop into our next generation of old-growth.Please act today to fulfill President Biden's Executive Order and help ensure realprotections for mature groves in our national forests. Thank you!