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Comments: I am not a scientist, but a concerned citizen. I am excited about the opportunity ahead to protect old growth and mature forests across the United States. In College Park, MD, we just passed a tree ordinance that limits a property owner's ability to cut down trees on their property. Part of the ordinance placed extreme limits on the removal of what the City calls heritage trees, or trees with a circumference of 80 inches or more. To me, this seemed like a common sense approach toward defining a mature tree. However USDA and the Department of the Interior end up defining old growth and mature forests, I hope they establish a common sense definition that translates to everyday Americans and communicates the impact that these forests have on our environment and health.