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Comments: Global warming and the subsequent climate change are an existential threat to our lives, not something that can be addressed later.

President Biden's Executive Order #14072 was in response to the written plea by all the major environmental NGOs to immediately stop logging on Federal Land. It did not honor that plea, and instead, as the saying goes, "kicked the can down the road".

Either the order itself or the agencies' interpretation of it:

"Defining old growth and mature forests for purposes of conducting an inventory as required under E.O. 14072 Section 2(b) DOES NOT, BY ITSELF, CHANGE ANY CURRENT FOREST MANAGEMENT POLICIES OR PRACTICES. Developing policies to institutionalize climate-smart management and conservation strategies that address threats to mature and old-growth forests on Federal land as stated in E.O. 14072 Section 2(c) will follow completion of definition development, identification, and inventory."

This interpretation has rendered the order moot.

As evidenced by the ongoing Schedules of Proposed Action (SOPAs) on the White Mountain and Green Mountain National Forests, the Forest Service is intending to cut as much old growth and mature forest as it can BEFORE any attempt to define, identify and inventory these trees. No mention of the executive order is made in the details of each intended logging project. Direct contact with the Forest Managers reveals an absence of the executive order in their thinking or planning.

Only the strange and convoluted political logic of our leaders could propose a system where you destroy the object BEFORE you define it.....identify it.....and inventory it.