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Comments: Hi Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management:

Yes, please keep advancing President Biden's Executive Order on Strengthening the Nation's Forests, Communities, and Local Economies.

Continue protecting our mature and old-growth forests and trees on federal lands.

Continue protecting these climate-critical forests from logging, 'mature' should be defined as no older than 80 years. These forests contain the bulk of the carbon already stored in federal forests and they continue to sequester carbon at high rates.

They also provide, vital habitat and biodiversity benefits, and important sources of drinking water for communities. Critically, protecting mature forests and trees today will provide the foundation to recover old-growth ecosystems which have largely been lost to logging across the landscape.

Losing more of our mature & old-growth trees and forests to logging makes the climate crisis worse.

Scientific research indicates that logging of federal forests is a major source of carbon dioxide emissions to the atmosphere that is at least comparable to, and probably greater than, levels associated with wildfires.

You should initiate a rule-making process as soon as possible. If not sooner.

Thank you.

Dr. Demian