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Comments: I am writing in support of President Biden's executive order on strengthening the Nations forests and defining mature trees at 80 years of age.

Our Nations forests are our the most efficient vehicle for capturing carbon and reducing the impacts of climate change. Also, as climate change progresses we must mitigate our impact on increasingly fragile ecosystems. Our old growth forests are more resistant to the wildfires ravage in our nation. Additionally, these forest provide sustainable economic output with recreational hunting, fishing, and camping opportunities. I also believe health forests provide a significant mental health benefit which is badly needed in times of climate change and political divisions. The vast majority of Americans enjoy and support protections for our forests. I would like to see them protected for my children and my children's children to enjoy in the future.