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Comments: Dear Secretary Vilsack and Secretary Haaland,

Old-growth and mature forests and trees have essential roles in carbon sequestration, water cycles, and in interactions with other living things: plants, animals, microbes. Please act with urgency to protect our remaining mature and old-growth forests and trees on federal lands. If federal agencies define the age of mature forests and trees as 80 years, this will establish a safety net that assures minimum protection of the ecological and carbon benefits forests can provide for future generations.