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Comments: I'm so excited that your agencies are working together to implement President Biden's Executive Order to protect our remaining mature and old-growth forests and trees. These forests protect our drinking water, provide critical habitat for wildlife, prevent erosion and flooding, and, most important of all, sequester enough carbon to offset 10 - 12% of US greenhouse gas emissions. Save these ancient trees from logging; once they are gone they cannot be replaced. As part of your plan, please work with the tribes to develop ecologically appropriate wild fire risk reduction strategies that preserve the mature trees, and do not cut them down. Thank you for undertaking this important work. Please make sure the rules prevent any cutting or removing of mature and old forests/trees from the designated areas.