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Comments: I am writing to comment on the execution of president Biden's executive order regarding our national forests and creating a national inventory of our old growth.

Old growth is a national treasure which stores phenomenal amounts of carbon and is essential for the continued existence of the old growth community, old growth dependent species.

The entire habitat of old growth must be preserved, not just an old growth tree here and there. Management of old growth will detract from its old growth characteristics and beneficial attributes. We now know that the entire old growth community is connected by a fungal web that allows persistence of the community. Any disturbance by man threatens the community.

I urge you to catalogue tracts of old growth forest, or forest reaching the definition of old growth and protect it for perpetuity. Old growth is by definition self-sustaining without human intervention.