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Comments: The Executive Order directs federal agencies to conduct an inventory of mature and old-growth forests . . . so that policies can be adopted to protect them. However, the Executive Order does not identify logging as a threat. We have been objecting for years to logging in the Prescott National Forest, believing that continued logging of large and old-growth trees will result in desertification. Our forest of Ponderosa pines plays a major role in the ecosystem by sequestering carbon, oxygen production, natural wildfire suppression, regeneration, wildlife habitat, water and soil retention, and protection from climate change logging opens up the forest floor to sunlight, causing temperature increases and a decrease in moisture retention). PNF is propagating the big lie that they are saving the forest from forest fire by removing it! Please recognize the danger of logging on PNF and all federal lands. Smoky Bear was wrong! New law is needed to save our mature and old-growth forests. Some of the Ponderosa pines in the PNF forest are over 400 years old! They are not replaceable!