Data Submitted (UTC 11): 8/14/2022 4:11:32 AM First name: penelope Last name: kaczmarek Organization: Title: Comments: Dear Secretary Vilsack and Secretary Haaland,

I write you this evening with my deepest hope. I would like to ask that you please do all that is within your power to do to further efforts to create stronger and more lasting protections for our nations mature and old growth trees and forests. I keep reading about continued logging projects in which these old trees are being taken down. I have concern that our Forest Service is failing to acknowledge the damage being done in its own logging projects. This must stop. Maybe you've heard, as I did for the first time today that the Arctic glaciers are melting not two but four times faster than previously understood. These carbon dioxide emitting trends are vastly accelerated by the logging of our mature and old-growth forests. I'm an old blister. I write not for myself but for my children and their children. For all children who will whatever good or bad legacies we leave them. I beg you to please carefully consider how best to help the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to take strong and meaningful steps in order to devise rules protecting our forests. Their protection is synonymous with the protection of our children's' and our grandchildren's' health and well-being. Thank you for your service and kind attention. Respectfully, Penelope Kaczmarek