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Comments: Dear Secretary Vilsack and Secretary Haaland,

It is critical that you fulfill the President's directive to provide lasting protections for these trees, which may well prove to be our last line of climate defense.

For clarity of direction, 'mature' should be defined as 80 years. By establishing the age of mature forests and trees at 80 years, federal agencies will establish a safety net that assures minimum protection of the ecological and carbon benefits they provide for future generations.

Logging, not wildfire, drought, or pests, is the greatest threat to our mature forests.

I urge the US Department of Agriculture and US Department of Interior to work together to initiate as soon as possible a rulemaking based on a definition of mature forests and trees of 80 years.