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Comments: Dear Secretary Vilsack and Secretary Haaland,

I am writing this to comment on President Biden's Executive Order on Strengthening the Nation's Forests, Communities, and Local Economies.

Protecting our old-growth forests is of vital importance for many reasons. For my comments I'll only touch on one -- carbon sequestration. A major research study which was published in "Nature" in 2014 that showed that contrary to widely held assumptions, large trees actually grow faster than small trees. Faster growth means more carbon is sequestered.

I urge the US Department of Agriculture and US Department of Interior to work together to quickly initiate rulemaking based on a definition of mature forests and trees as 80 years or older and to permanently end the avoidable loss of their critically important carbon, water and wildlife values to irresponsible logging and other threats.

Sincerely,

John E. Davis