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Comments: I strongly support your effort to define and inventory old-growth and mature forests on federal lands.. These forests are our heritage and it is critical that they be protected permanently. It's now or never for many environmental issues around the world, and this is one of them.

I further support that your agency establish federal protections for mature and old-growth forests. We need these forests for their superior carbon capture and storage.

The are essential for many species and they help to provide clean water and air.

I am from Washington state and so am particularly enthusiastic about your work to promote the ecology of the Cascade, Kettle and Selkirk mountain ranges.

Thank you for your work.