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Comments: Thanks for taking the next steps on President Biden's Executive Order on "Strengthening the Nation's Forests, Communities, and Local Economies." Protecting mature and old-growth forests from logging and development is one of the most cost-effective climate policies the U.S. can employ.

Mature and old-growth trees are one of this country's greatest resources. Forests protect our water, prevent flooding, and are an essential climate solution.

Please work together immediately to initiate a rule-making process, based on a minimum definition of mature forests and trees of 50 years old and older, in order to permanently end the avoidable loss of critically important ecosystems to logging.

Sincerely,

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