

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 8/19/2022 12:45:31 AM

First name: Jean

Last name: Crawford

Organization:

Title:

Comments: regarding federal old growth and mature forests (Executive Order 14072) #NP-3239

I support protection and care for all old growth/mature forest areas. They are important as carbon reservoirs which will aid the world's efforts to manage climate crisis. They are important as recreation, scenic, nature appreciation and care more than as timber. some timber will always be cut, but it should come through actually regenerating logging areas. I live in the west and visually it looks as though many cuts are not replanted and cared for in a way that creates forest for the future. Industry must do a better job, federal agencies must do a better job as we must successfully replant and tend cut areas. Please protect our remaining old-growth and other sensitive locations of forest.....the future needs them more than we need the board-feet they represent. Do it now. Save old growth stands/forests/remnants/anyplace they occur.....now, we must be including values in our economy beyond instant gratification of "easy" products.  
thank you for your consideration.