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Comments: Pursuant to President Biden's Executive Order to protect old growth and mature forest on our national lands, I am very happy to see you take action on this vital program.

I am concerned about protecting forest land across the US, but because I live in Kentucky, my priority is to save mature and old growth woodlands in the Daniel Boone National Forest.

I have hiked in many parts of the DB National Forest for more than 50 years, and aware of the tremendous amount of carbon which is stored in these hundreds of thousand acres under your protection.

In particular I understand there are a number of Red Hickory trees which have been marked for logging in the Redbird District of the DB National Forest. These trees are mature old growth individuals which should never have been designated for removal. Now we have a chance to change the plan and not only save these trees, but also help protect the planet. These specimens of highly important trees and all others mature trees 75 years old, or more, can store carbon at a very efficient rate for many more years, and make a significant contribution to our forest health.

In addition to the carbon sequestration advantages to these mature trees, the forest visitors will have a much more enjoyable experience when hiking and camping in the DB National Forest. Visiting an area that is scheduled for logging is an extremely sad experience, but not as bad as one where the damage to the forest has always occurred.

Please do your very best to protect the old growth and mature forest under your authorization. We need to make this a priority across the nation in all our National Parks and Forests.

Thank you for your consideration .