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Comments: It is critical that we demonstrate widespread, overwhelming public support from every corner of the country for urgent action to permanently protect mature and old growth forests across all federal lands and, for wild lands here in Utah, to emphasize the importance of protecting old-growth dryland forests of piñon pine and juniper due to their importance as climate-resilient ecosystems. All trees are very important especially now with so much climate change happening. Old growth forest are excellent carbon removers and give off the much needed oxygen. Trees especially old growth have been on the chopping for way to long. What once were very plentiful are now disappearing fast.