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Comments: I am commenting on (Executive Order 14072) #NP-3239 on federal old growth and mature forests. It is my desire that old growth and mature forests be preserved in ways that are ecologically, and to a slightly lesser degree - economically sustainable. These forests can provide habitat for numerous species of other plant and animals - sometimes they are the only refuges for species that would otherwise vanish. They can also provide mitigating effects against other environmental degradation by serving as buffers against the effects climate change such as severe drought, excess rainfall, and erosion - all of which can damage not only the natural environment, but also cause extensive economic issues to human built infrastructure.