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Comments: It is concerning that Executive Order 14072 speaks of conserving mature and old growth forests in the same breath as "sustainable forest products." Logging of old growth forests is, by its very definition, unsustainable. It cannot be replaced.

Further, any logging operation is carbon-intensive, whether it involves using taxpayer money to construct roads or using helicopters in hard-to-reach mountainous areas. This doubles the impact - using carbon expenditure to remove carbon-storing trees.

An ecological alternative to the use of old-growth timber exists: European countries are turning to the use of cross-laminated timber. The U.S. can increase the creation and use of this product.

We absolutely must preserve what little old growth timber remains on federal and state forest lands.