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Comments: Dear USFS,

Quite simply. An executive order was written to prevent the logging and disturbance of mature forest areas. It was written for this very purpose. There is more benefit as a carbon store than logged for what usually amounts to a net loss to taxpayers (it is Our National Forest so why would we want to log it and lose money?)

I refer specifically to: Preservation of Mature Forest: In 2022, President Biden signed Executive Order 14072 calling for the protection of old-growth and mature forests on federal public lands.

The White Mountain National Forest is exactly the type of forest this EO was designed to protect. Ignoring it is completely unacceptable. Thus any action undertaken in the Sandwich Range should be consistent with the executive order.

Please follow this decree from our President and turn this executive order into an official Rule so that the intent of the order is brought to reality for this forest and all mature national forests.

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