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Comments: I am a biologist commenting to share my support of this decision. Our forests are of utmost importance (for dozens of reasons!) both for humans and other animals alike. Protection of these ecosystems must be prioritized; presently and in the future. The Biden administration has made an excellent decision in guaranteeing that protection for old-growth forests. I believe it should be extended to other mature forests as well. Thank you.