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Comments: I commend the Biden administration on taking action for the protection of old-growth forests, but I believe it is critical for this to be extended to nationwide protections for mature forests as well. Mature forests represent a far greater percentage of the National Forests than old-growth, and they are vital for sequestering and storing carbon. Likewise, protecting mature trees is essential to ensure there will be trees to replace old-growth trees, which can happen quickly due to wildfires.

Please consider taking the actions we need on this issue and implementing nationwide protections for both old-growth and mature forests.