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Comments: I am writing to register my strong support for the recent Executive Order calling for conserving oldgrowth forests. I live in NC, and the recent Pisgah-Nantahala Forestry Management plan allows for the disturbance and cutting of old-growth forests, which I find a travesty. We cannot get those forests back once they are gone. Old-growth forests provide habitat for many species - including several that are endangered who depend on them, they provide stock for the next generation of forests, they most effectively sequester carbon, and they contribute to the biodiviersity of the region.

Thank you for enacting this; we are in grave danger of losing a valuable part of our environment.