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Comments: I strongly support your proposal to conserve and steward old-growth forests on national forests and grasslands by amending forest management plans nationwide in accordance with President Biden's Executive Order.

I was extremely disappointed and disappointed by the deeply flawed Nantahala-Pisgah National Forest management plan that was adopted early in 2023, in which more than 100,000 acres of old-growth forests, natural heritage areas, roadless areas, and sensitive habitats were placed in zones that are open to commercial logging.

I ask that the management plan be amended to protect these areas of old-growth and mature forest from commercial logging and emphasize the restoration of wildfire resilience and old-growth characteristics across the plan area. We MUST protect intact, healthy old growth forests anywhere possible in our world today, but especially these incredible treasures right here in our own backyard that are home to incredible biodiversity.

With climate change stressing every last place on earth, I beg of you all to please not let the destruction of logging also harm these areas. Only YOU can protect our forests. Please do.