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Comments: The Biden proposal as written would not ban logging in old growth forests; it would merely limit cutting of old growth trees within those forests. It would also allow thinning under the guise of wildfire mitigation, counter to research that suggests that old growth forests are more resilient to fire if left alone. Do not allow these loopholes! We have a severe lack of old growth trees in our nation, which protect us from carbon build up in our nation; due to logging, prioritizing commercial ventures/profits, not protecting the public's wildlife habitat, wildlife, human health, using bogus fire mitigation - not proved to stop massive fires, etc.

Do you jobs as scientists, as representatives of ordinary citizens, to comply with Biden's mission to stop climate warming and lower carbon for the full US. Stop utilizing people with degrees in forestry, as all they learn is to mow it down and think that preventing fires is done by starting fires!

Outrageous behaviors cared over from the 1940-50's. Logs are not the only source of building frames - get into the 21st century!!