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Comments: I am submitting comments on addressing and preserving the remaining old growth forests on public lands administered by the Departments of Agriculture and Interior.

It is imperative that we all do everything in our power to protect and maintain the nation's stands of old growth trees and our nation's mature forests. These forests remove climate changing carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from the air. The carbon is captured and stored in trunks, branches, leaves, roots and soil, while the oxygen is emitted back into the atmosphere for us to breathe. These forests also provide wildlife habitat and provide clean drinking water.

The logging and other manipulative activities should be banned completely in all old growth and mature forests in our public lands.