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Comments: Hello,

The US only has a portion of the primary forests that it once had. It is critical to both protect old-growth forests and to allow mature forests to grow into old-growth. This is important for climate change (sequestering carbon) and for supporting habitat in these areas -- old growth and mature growth are critical habitat for sensitive species.

To follow through with President Biden's Executive Order promises, the Forest Service should include protections for both mature and old-growth trees. This includes protections against the threat of logging or "inappropriate management" techniques by agencies.

There should absolutely not be sale of old-growth trees on public lands. These forests can be managed effectively without sale of timber.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments.