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Comments: I am writing to you as a retired FS employee (33 years), as a parent, as someone who keeps up with latest climate research and as a lover of the amazing bio-diversity an old growth forest supports. If we fail to protect remaining old-growth and allow mature forests to age into old-growth, we are fundamentally failing to address a key impact of the climate and biodiversity crises at home.

There is an opportunity - right now - to create the most significant federal land protection policy we have seen in more than two decades. One that supports a multitude of services which life requires to thrive, including us, homo sapiens. I urge you to have the courage to change the forest manage paradigm to one that provides a better, healthier future for all of us.

Sincerely,

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