Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/21/2024 12:55:50 AM First name: MaryLee Last name: Webb Organization: Title: Comments: I suggest the following considerations with regard to the proposed nationwide forest plan amendment, Executive Order 14072.

The proposal does not ban logging in old growth forests and allows thinning under the guise of wildlife mitigation while the research suggests that old growth forests are more resilient to fire if left alone. This proposal fails to protect mature forests'

We also need to protect our nation's mature forests, 120-150 years old. These are the future old growth legacy and contribute significantly to the "decarbonization" of the planet.