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As we all should know by now, our trees are one of the most important ways to fight climate change and the rising heat levels on our planet. Old growth forests, as well as ALL forests, are key to this fight. The idea of cutting down more and more trees in order to satisfy consumer demands for wood only perpetuates the ignorance in which we have been behaving for centuries. Before, we didn't realize the damage that is done by cutting old trees, but now we have no excuse. We know the science and the huge benefit of these trees to everything connected to them in our environment. Please be mindful that we can only save ourselves from the devastation of climate change events. In the end, it will be we humans who suffer, not to mention all the wildlife on which life depends. Please do not continue to damage our Hoosier legacy of Hoosier National Forest. Let it be!

Sincerely, Mary F. Nolan