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Comments: I grew up and have resided in California for 75 years. Recreating in National Forests as a child and now additionally recognizing their value to society as more than just sources of lumber and paper pulp, I implore you to develop a policy to preserve and protect mature and old-growth forests on Federal lands.

This action in your land management plan would then be in keeping with the intent of POTUS's 4/22/2022 Executive Order. With the I.R.A. in place, the nation can provide generational investments in ecosystem restoration and wildfire risk reduction.

The benefits of conserving our mature and old-growth forests and restoring their health and vibrancy will support the health, prosperity, and resilience of our communities - particularly in light of the growing and extreme climate change threats of droughts and catastrophic wildfires. Please be future-conscious and emphasize sustainability as you make decisions developing the new land use Plan.

Thank You