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Comments: I am writing to express my support for the USDA's proposal to adopt a National Forest Plan Amendment to Conserve and Steward Old Growth Forests. President Biden exercised commendable leadership in issuing Executive Order 14072 on Earth Day 2022, which committed the US to identify, inventory, and protect mature and old-growth forests on federal lands. This proposal is a meaningful step toward implementing the Executive Order.