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Comments: Please follow through with the Biden Administration's plan to preserve mature and old growth trees in an effort to keep carbon tied up in our national forests.

Hoosier forests stand to benefit in two important ways:

1. Current plans to burn, spray and log parts of the Hoosier National Forest that are mature and near old growth may be dropped or reduced.
2. Mature trees will continue to sequester carbon, thus keeping it out of the atmosphere.

Please restore old growth forests in the HNF and other national forests.

Leave mature forests alone - there is no way to hurry along the process that nature has to create an old growth forest, but there are many ways humans can thwart such natural ecological succession

Stop burning central hardwood forests. There no evidence fire was ever a significant disturbing influence within our forests

Stop logging mature hardwood forests

Thank you for your time.