Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/25/2024 1:22:02 PM First name: Bob Last name: Langton Organization: Title: Comments: I am writing to urge you to do absolutely everything you can to follow President Biden's directive to protect old growth forests.

The ancient ecosystems offer so much that is of incredible value in the fight against climate change and loss of biodiversity, and no amount of new tree planting can take their place. Their cultural significance is also immensely valuable.

We in the UK have lost a deplorable amount of our ancient woodland, and once gone it is irreplaceable over many human lifetimes. The battle to keep what we now have left remains intensely important here as in the US: you are in a position to actually do something about that beyond writing letters and signing petitions or standing on barricades.

Please do what you can or be prepared to plead guilty in the court of your descendants.