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Comments: President Biden recently issued an Executive Order to conserve old-growth forests. The US Forest Service has announced they will amend their forest management plans nationwide to comply.

This includes plans for the Pisgah-Nantahala National Forests. The existing plan opens 100,000 acres of old-growth forest to commercial logging. Due to extensive logging, the Southern US has very little old-growth left. We must not only protect the old-growth in Pisgah-Nantahala National Forests, but in all of our National Forests. Old-growth forests should never be open to logging.

We need to protect mature and old-growth forests on both public and private lands.  
Remember...old-growth forests are not renewable on any kind of human timeframe.