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Comments: We have lost/destroyed so much forest land in the U.S. that we are now at extreme risk for the consequences of climate change and the extinction of countless bird, plant, and animal species. I am writing to implore you to put the strongest possible rules in place to protect the remaining forest land under your jurisdiction.

Specifically, please:

- Prohibit logging of all remaining mature and old-growth trees, and consider prohibiting or extremely reducing logging of any trees except in a very limited way for wildfire prevention.
- Prescribe specific plans to allow and encourage previously logged forest land to develop into mature and old-growth trees over time.
- Use up to date knowledge of controlled burns to restore forests and maintain their health.
- Consult with local Tribes as much as possible in planning and restoration work.
- Consider conservation, preservation, and expansion of mature and old growth forests as the highest value of lands under your jurisdiction and transition away from logging and other destructive human activities on these lands.

Thank you for your consideration.