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Comments: We need the USFS to draw up a strong plan to preserve mature growth forests. Nothing removes carbon dioxide more efficiently than healthy, old growth forests.

Please act to:

*Protect all remaining mature and old-growth trees from logging.

*Promote the recruitment of more mature and old-growth trees over time.

*Increase the use of beneficial fires to restore forests and maintain their health, especially in more remote regions.

*Work with Tribes as much as possible in these restoration efforts to promote Indigenous Ecological Knowledge and culturally relevant resources within the NWFP area.

*Also work with Tribes and communities to build restoration workforce capacity in the regions most affected by the NWFP