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Comments: Forests play a key role in fighting climate change. The United States has lost a large portion of our tree canopy to forest fires, logging, and poor management. It is important to not only save the small portion of old growth remaining on our public lands, but to insure that the mature growth is also protected from logging, and given the chance to become old growth as well. This will not only help with managing climate change, but will help with the loss of habitat for many species of endangered animals, help with clean air and water, and also help fulfill President Biden's Executive order promises. There are far better uses for mature growth than logging, and it is time the Forestry Service helped manage the forest for All the life dependent on the trees, instead of simply for the profit of the logging companies.

Thank you for taking the time to read my statement.