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Comments: I urge the Forest Service to remove the Tongass National Forest (in Alaska) old-growth logging exemption from any further analysis in the upcoming Environmental Impact Statement.

Mature forests and trees, including their value as future old growth, also must be protected. National forests in certain parts of the country, for example national forests east of the 100th meridian, have virtually no old-growth left. This makes protecting mature forests all the more important.

The final policy should ensure that frontline and nature-deprived communities directly benefit from the amendments, including through the development of an "equity layer" to the Forest Service Climate Risk Viewer, which would demonstrate these benefits across a diverse array of communities.