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Old growth forests are special for a lot of reasons-older trees capture carbon and create clean air and water, and they are pretty magnificent as a setting for outdoor recreation.

The Forest Service needs to expand protections for old growth forests, and the outdoor community has an important role to play in supporting these protections.

The Forest Service needs to implement a forest plan amendment that would apply to all forests across the country. This amendment would restrict most commercial logging in old growth forests, set standards for protecting old growth trees, and integrate Indigenous knowledge into management, while making these forests more resilient to climate change and other stressors like wildfire. Outdoor Alliance has advocated for nature-based climate solutions as a way to address climate change while also providing benefits for the outdoor recreation community. We are excited about this proposal and how it will benefit both the climate and outdoor recreation.

These protections to keep our forests intact must be greatly expanded.

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