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Comments: For decades now, I have spoken out against selling old-growth trees on public lands - pretty sick and tired of repeating this. THESE FORESTS BELONG TO AMERICANS AND MUST NOT BE SOLD OFF.

370,000 acres of mature and old-growth forest on federal lands are vulnerable to logging; old-growth forests are unique and irreplaceable -- different from younger forests, with animals and plants evolved to rely on old-growth.

The administration's proposed policy has an enormous problem: "Vegetation management within old-growth forests conditions may not be for the primary purpose of growing, tending, harvesting, or regeneration of trees for economic reasons." The timber industry will say WHATEVER to log.

Over a DOZEN exceptions to protect old-growth, including "to reduce fuel hazards," "proactive stewardship," or "resiliency" will be invoked.

Old-growth stands reduce wildfire spread and intensity; thinning them dries and heats forests. Remove the Tongass National Forest old-growth logging exemption from ANY further analysis in the Environmental Impact Statement.

Mature forests and trees, including their value as future old growth, 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.

Ensure frontline and nature-deprived communities directly benefit from amendments through the development of an "equity layer" to the Forest Service Climate Risk Viewer, which would demonstrate these benefits across communities.