Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/30/2024 10:09:16 PM First name: Lee Last name: Gaillard Organization: Title: Comments: The specific focus on mature and old growth forests is a good and long overdue action with hoped for beneficial results.

Nevertheless, that said, such related actions should all be part of a larger overview under the purview of a National Watershed Commission.

This commission does not yet exist. But it is desperately needed since watersheds and the forest cover or grasslands or marginal shrub terrain all cross state lines and various EPA and Forest Service jurisdictions... And since all depend on the increasingly cyclical nature of the supply of water (snow, icepack, rain, flood) that gives them life or, in its absence or flooding excess, threatens them with extinction or destruction.

Just a thought.