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Comments: America's forests provide wild animals with the space they need to stay wild: habitat, safety from predators and extreme summer heat, shelter from winter storms. Older trees are also critical to slowing global warming. Mature and old-growth forests hold enormous amounts of carbon, safely stored in trunks, branches and soil. And left to grow, they'll store even more.

If forests like this were logged, it's not just the tree that dies -- entire ecosystems depend on these life-givers for the resources and habitat they provide.

A bill introduced by Sens. Joe Manchin (W. Va.) and John Barrasso (Wyo.) would tell the U.S. Forest Service to send in backhoes, bulldozers and saw teams to log mature and old-growth forests under the guise of "forest management." This would be disastrous and short-sighted--and irreversible.

We cannot, must not waste these resources. The U.S. Forest Service is cutting down mature forests at an alarming rate. For old-growth trees, thousands of years of living history can end in the moments it takes a logger to slice through their time-tested foundations.

We're calling on President Biden to permanently protect these forests. Thank you for supporting this effort.