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Comments: I care deeply about our mature & old growth forests!

The severe loss of biodiversity and the worsening impacts of climate change require solutions that match the magnitude of the threats we face. We need transformational change, not the status quo or incremental steps towards vague, modest goals.

The Forest Service should consider stronger, more accurate definitions that are fully inclusive of all old-growth conditions, and that are simple, and easily operationalized in the field. The Northwest Forest Plan's generally accepted definitions of old-growth (120 years old and older) and mature (80 years old and older) forests provide a clear and reasonable starting point.

There is an opportunity right now to create the most significant federal land protection we have seen in more than two decades.

It is beyond time that the management of our National Forests reflects their actual values: clean air & drinking water, species habitat, space for cultural values, recreation and tourism - the list goes on...

Please stop all logging of mature & old growth trees.