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Comments: Please keep our old growth and mature forest safe from logging. Given the climate and biodiversity crises we are currently facing, it is urgent that we preserve the remaining mature and old forests on federal public lands nationwide. Mature and old forests store vast amounts of carbon, and are crucial in the fight against climate change. They are also important for biodiversity, clean water, and mitigating the negative effects of climate change on forest and stream ecosystems. The cumulative impacts of such large scale, repeated logging would cause untold degradation or destruction of wildlife and stream habitats, water quality, old and mature forests, carbon storage, and more. It would also create unnaturally open, dry, and hot conditions in many forests- very likely exacerbating fire risk rather than lessening it.