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Comments: Dear Director Moore,

North America has only a fraction of the primary forests it once supported. If we fail to protect the little remaining old-growth and do not allow mature forests to age into old-growth, we are fundamentally failing to address a key impact of the climate and biodiversity crises here at home.

In order to deliver on President Biden's Executive Order promises, there must be real protections for both mature and old-growth trees - including from the threat of logging and 'inappropriate management' techniques by the agencies.

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

We should not be selling old-growth trees on public lands. You can manage these forests effectively without selling those trees.

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

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope to see strong protections for our precious old-growth and mature forests come to fruition under your leadership.