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Comments: I strongly support a consistent federal policy that protects all remaining old-growth forests and trees and significantly increases their abundance and distribution across the nation. These intact and recovered ecosystems provide critical and irreplaceable habitat, and support clean air and water in their larger watersheds. In addition, safeguarding mature and old-growth forests serves as a nature-based climate solution as these mature forests store non-replicable amounts of carbon, support biological diversity, and build climate resilience. It is well past time that we see a full cessation of all logging in the last of the old growth forests.