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Comments: 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 Forest Service should halt logging in mature and old forests across the nation. I also support an immediate moratorium on all logging in mature and old forests, while the rule-making process goes forward.

It is long past time for a paradigm shift away from the widespread and heavy handed resource extraction that has long been the focus of agencies managing public lands.