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Comments: Dear Forest Service:

Thank you for responding to new Nationwide Goals to end felling of old growth trees and ensuring stronger conservation outcomes for mature forests in your forest plan modifications. Please ensure that the modifications protect ALL mature and old-growth trees. We now know the benefits of carbon storage in these trees. They store more carbon than younger trees and are an integral part of capturing carbon as we respond to climate change. The extent of Old growth and mature trees in our forests are a fraction of what they were when Europeans arrived in North America, just as the presence of beavers are a fraction of days gone by (200,000 beavers to 200 million at pre-European times.). Lets not do to old growth and mature trees, what we did to the beaver population. We cannot continue to use the natural environment to the point where it will no longer benefit our planet.

The amendments must be as clear, transparent and strong as possible.

Thank you