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Comments: I appreciate the ability to make a comment about protecting the small yet significant area of old growth forest in the south east and the southern Appalachians in particular. Please leave these few areas un logged and without roads that make them more exposed to disturbance and threat. The old growth forest is like a monument to our amazing natural resources and keeping them unharmed is a testament to our appreciation of the legacy of these natural areas. I was thrilled to read about President Biden's call to prioritize the protection of these areas with old growth forests and call upon you to make that your priority as well.