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Comments: Mature forests and trees need explicit protection. The country has lost most of its old growth to over a century of logging. Mature forests provide the bulk of the climate benefits on federal forests and are the nation's future old-growth.

We need solutions that match the magnitude of the threats we face. Conserving mature and old-growth forests on federal lands is a critical natural climate solution.

End the cutting of old-growth trees in all national forests and all forest types and end the cutting of any trees in old-growth stands in moist forest types.

End any commercial exchange of old-growth trees. Even in the rare circumstances where an old-growth tree is cut (e.g. public safety), that tree should not be sent to the mill. (Alternative 3 includes a "no commercial exchange" provision.)

Remove the exception that allows for "de minimis" logging of old-growth trees.

Eliminate the agency discretion to manage old growth out of existence in pursuit of "proactive stewardship" goals.

Old growth needs to remain as is for all its endangered inhabitants.