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Comments: Sir or Ma'am,

I am very glad to see this effort to recognize old growth forests, as they are especially important to carbon dioxide absorption (which can help mitigate global warming) and they provide homes to countless plant and animal species

(Stephenson, N., Das, A., Condit, R. et al. Rate of tree carbon accumulation increases continuously with tree size. *Nature* 507, 90-93 (2014). <https://doi.org/10.1038/nature12914>).

From the human perspective, they provide a place for people to escape and enjoy nature in ways unmatched by manicured public parks. This is something I have a special appreciation for because in the area where I live near Dayton, Ohio, the natural environment has mostly been destroyed for the Dayton International Airport and numerous gigantic warehouse operations.

I request that the USFS take the step of forbidding commercial logging on old-growth forests under its care (this is especially important in the Eastern United States where there are so few forests). I also think that USFS should set aside tracts of other, recovering forests to be managed such that they can become old growth forests again.

Thank you,