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Comments: I am writing to express my opinion that ALL logging of Old-Growth Forests within ALL the National Forests within the United States (including the Tongass National Forest in Alaska) should be terminated IMMEDIATELY in order to protect the relatively few Old-Growth Forests and trees remaining. Old-Growth Forests provide many benefits such as purifying our air and water, preventing erosion and stream sedimentation, providing homes for numerous species of plants, wildlife, and fungi, sequestering large quantities of atmospheric carbon and thereby mitigating human-caused climate change, providing quiet recreation and solitude for people, and reducing stress and improving human physical and mental health.

In addition, I ask that the United States Forest Service end ALL logging of ALL trees and Mature Forests remaining in ALL of our National Forests (including the Tongass National Forest in Alaska) in order that these Mature trees and Forests continue to evolve to become future Old-Growth Forests in order that Old-Growth Forests will become more common in the future and reclaim at least some of the Old-Growth trees and Forests which have been lost to logging, agriculture, and human settlements over these past few hundred years. I believe that ALL future logging should be conducted on private lands and that our public lands should be off-limits to logging, mining, and oil and gas drilling.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.