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Comments: Greetings,

Thank you for the chance to comment on this historic opportunity to provide meaningful protections in your Land Management Plan Direction for the last of our old-growth forests.

Eastern Deciduous forests are part of this important plan amendment. They have to be considered as an endangered ecosystem and different from those in the west.

Mature growth must be allowed to grow to old growth status to adhere to the EO 14072. Mature and Old growth (MOG) stands must be treated differently than younger age classes because of their unique characteristics and importance.

It is critical that current projects with Mature and Old Growth stands involved must be paused until such time as the amendments can be made to their respective forest plans.

I appreciate your attention to this comments.

Regards,

Jennifer Mathews