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Comments: We must stop logging our old growth forests on public lands. Your proposed new policy is moving in a good direction.

However, it does not include "mature trees" be protected from logging. This is a serious oversight. Today's mature trees are essential since they will become tomorrow's old growth. Mature trees cannot be replaced by young ones. The many benefits mature trees provide are only possible over time. They must be spare from logging.

As our climate warms each year, mature and old growth trees are among the most effective tool we have to cool the planet. Our national forests belong to citizens, not loggers. To clear cut these gems for paper is short-sighted and a terrible waste of precious natural resources. Our national forests are much more valuable left standing.

We are at a critical crossroads in human history. Will we place value on public forests and let them live, breathe, absorb toxic carbon and cool the planet? Or will we continue to ignore the scientific facts and destroy this irreplaceable asset?

Thank you for doing the right thing.