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Comments: Please consider the social and environmental value of our old growth forests and prioritize those values above economic gain. For far too long, profit-driven corporations have looked at our oldest forests only for the value of their timber. But their value is far more significant -- and they are in fact irreplaceable. I call on the USFS to conserve mature and old-growth trees in federal forests to combat the climate crisis and biodiversity loss.

## Specifically:

- 1. Stop old-growth trees from going to the mill. There is broad agreement that what we have left is too precious to cut.
- 2. Lay groundwork for durable protections for mature forests, to ensure that they are able to develop into our next generation of old-growth forests.