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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.