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Submitted to US Forest Service

1. Old Growth and Mature Forests:

should never be harvested because they are critical to our ecosystem;

are essential to provide biodiversity and habitat to endangered species;

protect climate by absorbing and storing carbon for centuries;

regulate soil and water temperatures;

are critical for indigenous communities; and

shelter and protect wildlife.

2. The Forest Service should be moved to Department of Interior under National Park Service.