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Comments: America's mature and old-growth forests are bastions of biodiversity, sequester and store vast amounts of carbon, and are key to maintaining the quality of municipal water sources originating on National Forests that serve over 60 million people. Despite being directed to do so, the Forest Service failed to provide any meaningful protections for mature forests, thereby leaving approximately 47 percent of all National Forest System lands vulnerable to logging and continued mismanagement. Further, the proposed "protections" for old-growth forests permit---and even encourage---the use of commercial logging as a management action to "reduce the risk of loss of old-growth forests. It is IMPERATIVE TO LIFE ON EARTH THAT WE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PROTECT OLD GROWTH FORESTS! As the Forest Service, please do your part and protect all old growth and virgin forests!