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Comments: I am a land manager of forest ecosystems writing out of MO to implore the US Dept of Forestry to stop logging old growth forests nationwide. These threatened ecosystems cannot be fully restored once all old growth trees have been cleared. Old growth forest ecosystems support countless sensitive species that may be lost if old growth continues to be logged. Furthermore, forests managed by the Dept. of Forestry should belong to the public and our environment. They should not be for sale.

I believe the Dept. of Forestry should implement a maximum DBH at which trees above this limit cannot be harvested. For example, trees above 60 inches DBH should be considered off limits for any logging or clear cutting operation. This way, old growth trees can persist as anchors of maintaining a healthy habitat for people and wildlife alike.