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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

As an educator and member of a family whose origins in North America can be traced back some 400 years, I am in complete support of the Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System following Executive Order 14072. This critical issue speaks to the government's core responsibilities in protecting the United States from threats. And old-growth forests, by definition, are irreplaceable and under urgent threat from short-term commercial interests. The USFS should immediately ban all destruction of old-growth ecosystems, including the trees, and focus commercial wood products interests on renewable, sustainable forests that have already been disturbed. Any other plan simply implements a policy that leads to permanent destruction and degradation of our country and its ecosystems. Thanks for your attention.