Data Submitted (UTC 11): 9/18/2024 11:43:32 PM First name: William Last name: Steele Organization: Title: Comments: Dear Sir or Madam,

I write from a once heavily forested state that now has practically no old growth to protect. Clearly all that remains should be protected from harvest.

Since there is so little old growth in Minnesota, I think it is all the more important to protect mature stands so that eventually there will again be a little old growth here.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely, William Steele