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Comments: When President Biden took the effort to enact Executive Order 14072 his intention was to safeguard mature and old-growth forests on federal lands & amp; actually restore (i.e., increase) old-growth forest conditions across the country.

I encourage the USDA Forest Service to put forward as strict & amp; protective of measures as possible. Forty years from now we don't want to look back & amp; see those responsible failed in their efforts & amp; robbed future generations of an irreplaceable treasure.

I've been told the proposed National Old-Growth Amendment the Forest Service is presenting has too many "grey" areas, ambiguous language, and loopholes that could be interpreted to allow the Forest Service to cut or sell old-growth trees and send them to the mill.

Please do NOT bend to the short-sighted interests of the logging & amp; paper industries. They do NOT need the few extra cubic yards of wood & amp; sawdust that'd come from an old-growth tree to stay in business. Old-growth trees comprise such a small percentage of America's forests (5% maybe?) that there are PLENTY OTHER trees for the paper companies to stay in business.

For me to support the Forest Service's amendment the final version must end the commercial exchange of oldgrowth trees logged on forestlands managed by the agency. No old-growth trees should be sent to mills.

Lastly, for me to support the amendment the language needs to be clear so that no interpretation of the amendment would ever allow commercial logging of old growth trees in the Tongass National Forest.

Thank you for your efforts & amp; attention in this matter. Cordially, James Moylan