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Comments:

I support conserving old growth and mature forests that can be found on federal lands.

The first national inventory of old growth and mature forests on federal land estimates that public lands managed by the Forest Service and the BLM comprise more than 178 million total acres of forest including 32 million acres of old growth forests or 18% and 80 million acres of mature forest or 45%.

I believe that due to the climate crisis we must improve the resiliency of our lands, waters, wildlife and communities by pursuing science based forest and land management and use climate-smart forestry practices which promote carbon storage.

In Wisconsin, old growth forests are rare and can only be found on 77,000 acres or 1% of federal lands. Unfortunately, logging is occurring in the Chequamegon - Nicolet National Forest near Eagle River Wisconsin on a tract of land designated as Fourmile. I do not believe that logging permits should have been granted to cut 120 to 150 years old trees.

I believe that the Chequamegon - Nicolet National Forest needs to increase the acres of lands supporting old growth and mature growth trees.