Data Submitted (UTC 11): 9/20/2024 4:00:00 AM First name: Danica Last name: Novgorodoff Organization: Title: Comments: Dear Forest Service,

Please stop cutting down old growth forests, and protect the the Daniel Boone National Forest from further degradation! Mature forests provide most of their essential climate benefits on federal forests and are vital for sustaining biodiversity and mitigating climate change. The country has lost most of its old-growth to over a century of logging. But we can protect what's left and foster a future where old growth is no longer a relic of the past. You should require that mature forests be managed for future old-growth in a manner that ensures a variety of patch sizes, wide distribution, and good connectivity across the Daniel Boone National Forest, improving on the deficiencies in the current Forest Plan.

Best,

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