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We need solutions that match the magnitude of the threats we face. Conserving mature and old-growth forests on federal lands is a critical natural climate solution that will have a meaningful impact on the climate crisis and biodiversity crisis. We have a moral imperative to act boldly for future generations.

The final plan should end the cutting and selling of old-growth trees on public lands. These forests can be effectively managed without selling or commercially exchanging those trees.

Mature forests and trees need explicit protection. The country has lost most of its old growth to over a century of logging. Mature forests are the nation's future old-growth.