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Please consider making changes to the National Old Growth Amendment to insure compliance with President Biden's Executive Order 14072. I do not support any of the current options being proposed, although the third alternative, with some changes, is the best of the three.

It's vital that we stop logging in old-growth forests, and logging in these areas for sale and profit must be completely eliminated. We must protect old growth forests and insure that there is no mismanagement.

There must be a clear plan to allow mature forests to slowly develop into old growth forests. The capacity of old growth forests to mitigate climate change is not only priceless, but simple and straightforward. We all know that forests can be a natural part of the solution to climate change by sequestering and storing carbon. The agency must do everything possible to facilitate the mature forests growing into old growth with careful, specific management plans to insure this will take place.

Old growth forests belong to all of us. The agency has the responsibility to manage them effectively. Not only do old growth forests provide part of the solution to climate change by simply allowing them to stand and "be," but they also provide habitat for numerous species, recreation opportunities, clean water, and they honor the culture of many of our indigenous tribes.