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Comments: So little of our old and mature forests are left. The remaining are therefore too precious to cut. I advocate a prohibition of logging the remaining old growth and very mature forests that have been inventoried and designated.

Please drop the age at which a forest would qualify for old growth to 100 years (from 150 as currently proposed).

For far too long, profit-driven corporations have looked at our oldest forests only for the value of their timber. But the value of old-growth and mature forests is much more significant. Besides their value in storing carbon, these forests and trees present us with spiritual nourishment. I call on the USFS to conserve mature and old-growth trees in federal forests to combat the climate crisis and biodiversity loss.