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Dear Chief Moore, I'm a Dominican Sister of Sinsinawa who is angry about the lack of action on climate. I am writing to urge you to protect all old-growth forests in the United States. The

Nantahala National Forest in the Southern Appalachians is the latest victim in this unnecessary destruction.

Every year, the U.S. Forest Service and Department of Agriculture establish "timber

targets", mandating specific volumes of timber be harvested. This

is causing harm to local communities, wildlife, and the environment. Forests store vast amounts of carbon, and even more as they age. Logging these trees releases much of that carbon back into the atmosphere. Taking advantage of these carbon sinks is one of

the easiest and most cost-effective climate change solutions available to us. Mature forests also provide clean air, filter water for communities living downstream, and create habitats for endangered species. It is time to stop this harmful practice. Please

take steps to protect the Nantahala National Forest and all old-growth forests! Sincerely, Mary Rice Roselle, Illinois

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