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Dear Chief Moore, I'm a grandfather who fears for my family in a warming world. 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

Nantahala National Forest and all old-growth forests! Sincerely, Doug Hart Lake Orion, Michigan