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Comments: Priorities for managing the Quartzville-Middle Santiam forest should be, first, to preserve all trees that are older than 80 years, and to not log any areas of natural regrowth, that is, not planted by people.

Ensuring a supply of timber should be the absolute last priority. This is 2021, not 1950, and we need the forest for carbon storage, as wildlife habitat, as a source of clean water, and for its recreational and spiritual values.

The only "harvest" should be in previously planted timber plantations, and only done to promote variable density stands and to thin overcrowded areas. There has already been far too much cutting of a once-great forest, a profound abuse of public lands, and it must stop.