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Comments: The definition could be very broad and easy to understand, but then get more specific such as:

Old growth forests are forests that have lived long enough to support a complex community of other plants and animals.

But then the criteria for to meet that definition should be more formalized and in line with established norms, such as size/context, evidence of regeneration, age, amount of woody debris, and most importantly, the relative degree of ecological importance in supporting other organisms and ecological processes, which of course, would be relative to each eco-region.

On the inventory process, remote sensing misses key components of the above criteria. Since you only have a year you may have to go to documented assessments and/or remote sensing of forests, but then make sure that over the next few decades that these candidate stands are ground truthed with a formal evaluation. And of course, once a stand or forest block is put in to an inventory there should be a moratorium on logging until an inventory is done.

Good luck. You have stepped in to a hornets nest with having to define OG and then having only one year to prepare an inventory.