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Comments: I sincerely hope that this Comment Period is not just a proforma public relations formality. Comment counting amounts to bean counting. The seriousness of the issue is supported by science. Old Growth Mature Forests sequester carbon like no other option and they do it while protecting watersheds and the wildlife that live in those watersheds. Industrial logging should be limited to protect large mature trees that have the chance of living for hundreds if not thousands of years. Simple rules like leaving the four largest trees in perpetuity per acre harvested would go a long way to returning our forests to a fire resistant ecological path. The next harvest cycle, three more of the largest trees, then two, then one. Return our public forest lands to old growth over time and resist accommodating corporate extraction of this precious resource. It's the right thing to do.

-Nicholas Pinette