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Comments: Defining old growth has become a farce. It is a political exercise, not a scientific one as you suggest. When activists wanted to alarm the public, they used a narrow definition to claim that only 2% of old growth forests remain. Once the public was sufficiently alarmed, the definition was broadened to restrict activity on as much acreage as possible. It appears that effort is continuing with attempts to place limits on anything with characteristics of a mature forest. I suppose the next effort will be to restrict activity anywhere a tree grows, since it has the future potential to develop mature characteristics. Why not include non forest areas that have the potential to support trees that could become mature. This is truly a farce.