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Comments: We should define old growth as any tree that is older than the oldest living human. Without strong and respectful guidelines, our forests suffer. The many wildfires and other natural events linked with poor forest conditions are stark indicators of this suffering; and when forests suffer, so do humans.

If leaders and regulatory agencies meant to protect and advocate for these ecosystems won't care for them, then who will? Being lax just allows corporations to take advantage, because they will NEVER act in good faith. Never. To believe otherwise is delusional and naïve. Prioritizing business instead of human & ecological welfare is how we've ended up where we are now, with sea level rise, permafrost melt, wildfires, more extreme weather, and rising temps. Change the definition of old growth to rejuvenate our forests and help people develop their connections to nature again.