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Comments: The value and key structural characteristics of the remaining Old Growth Douglas-fir Forests has been studied and described since the publication in Feb. 1981 by the Forest Service Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station General Technical Report PNW-118. Those structural characteristics are: large live trees, large snags, large down logs on the land and in the streams. All of the remaining Old Growth stands must be retained.

These same characteristics need to be maintained in the developing Mature Forest stands. It takes time to develop these characteristics and all the remaining stands over 80 years of age should be retained on the public lands of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. .