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Comments: To respect the forest as we would ourselves, we must treat it as if it had a voice of it's own. Though many differ, I do not see this life sustaining necessity simply as a resource to be held at edge of survival so that it may produce for us the very maximum amount of product.

To this point, I believe at minimum, "Old Growth" should be defined as any tree which is older than the oldest living human. We do not have the collective right to destroy anything which existed before anyone who is currently alive.

I know this definition is outside of the accepted corporate/scientific nomenclature; however, we must make a pact with these beings if we ever hope respect them, their vulnerability to us, and their role in the tipping balance of this climate.

Thank you.