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Comments: We are now living in a time when climate disasters are increasingly threatening life as we know it on planet Earth. We must use every tool we have available to offset climate change. I was heartened to see President Biden's announcement of an executive order to stop logging old-growth forests on public lands.

An article citing several studies (<https://oldgrowthforestecology.org/ecological-values-of-old-growth-forests/ecological-processes-and-functions/carbon-sequestration-and-storage>) talks about the importance of old growth in absorbing and sequestration of carbon compared to second growth forests.

Unfortunately, logging projects continue on BLM lands in the name of keeping forests healthy. The truth is that the healthiest forests are those that have ecosystems that have been not harmed by harvesting and managing forests. I urge you to create strict rules to leave old-growth forests intact, as well as allow younger trees to mature to become old growth.