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Comments: There is no scientific definition of old-growth for a reason - it's not a scientific term! Many LRMPs of western NFs, mostly outdated, restrict management activities in "mature" or "old-growth" stands to protect owl habitat. Politicians and tunnel-vision biologists still haven't seen this is what causes a Dixie Fire or an August Complex Fire, virtually wiping out any potential owl habitat and destroying the oldest trees remaining on the landscape. The focus is all wrong - the term "old-growth" is irrelevant. It's about actually managing our lands instead of getting mired down in red tape and policy and stopped by litigation and lack of cooperative parties. Good luck with this assigned task - if there's one hope I have, it is that policy will be more supportive of management across our forested and shrub landscapes so that healthy and resilient ecosystems are restored.