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Comments: As climate change roars into our lives it is imperative to preserve mature trees and reforest to increase their number. Oregon recently created the Elliott State Research Forest which includes the protection of a 35,000 acre parcel of old growth trees in the age range of 200- 300 years. Logging will be permitted in other parts of the forest but based on the negotiation over a 2 year period between conservation groups and representatives of the timber industry there will be no logging in the Elliott of trees over 65 years of age. For the sake of carbon sequestration to help mitigate the climate crisis trees over 65 years of age should be classified as the new "old growth". While this designation is a substantial reduction in the age range formerly defining an old growth tree, we are no longer in normal times and a serious effort to mitigate the climate crisis requires that we abandon old ways of thinking in an effort to create a more habitable planet for succeeding generations. Thanks for your urgent attention to preserving our older trees.