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Comments: The US has lost such a huge percentage of our Old Growth forests and Mature forests, that is now imperative for the federal government to **MAKE A RULE TO PROTECT THESE FORESTS ON PUBLIC LANDS**. Studies are not enough; it is time now for a **RULE** strong enough to halt the destruction of these forests. With the existential threats of atmospheric carbon accelerating global climate change, we need to sequester carbon from the atmosphere -- Old Growth and Mature forests do that. With the increasing ferocity and extended seasons of forest fires, we need these old forests because they have proven to be more fire-resistant than younger forests. Supplying clean water for our communities, et cetera....the list goes on in celebration of the attributes of Old Growth and Mature forests, attributes our federal agencies need to recognize, preserve, and protect!