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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on what constitutes old growth and mature forest.

In brief, here are key characteristics of old growth trees and mature forest in the Pacific Northwest:

- big living trees over 80 years old.
- standing dead snags of all sizes/heights for wildlife.
- large dead trees lying on the ground.
- large logs in the streams.
- layers of living plants, shrubs and younger trees growing under the larger, older trees (known in the trade as a "multi-story canopy").

Sincerely,

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