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Comments: Last Earth Day, President Biden issued an executive order calling on the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to conserve mature and old-growth forests as a climate solution. Most of the old forests in the Pacific Northwest have been cut down and replaced with second growth. Not only do old trees store huge amounts of carbon, they have thick bark and are better adapted than second growth to withstand wildfire.