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Comments: Please protect mature and old growth trees and forest habitats from logging and all other destructive uses. These trees and the habitats which they sustain have been almost entirely wiped out, in western Oregon, throughout the country, and in many parts of the world. This loss has contributed to today's climate crisis. They are not only critical refuges for now rare species, but of biodiversity in general. They are also critical carbon sinks, working hard, in our favor, against climate change and the extreme weather which comes with it. The largest and oldest trees are the best at carbon capture and sequestration. We need to keep as many old, large, and mature trees alive as we can, and let more grow.

Old and mature trees and forest habitats should be preserved. Maturing forests should be protected, to return to a more natural, diverse, fully-functioning state. The ecosystem services that these provide to us are far more valuable, than the lumber that would be harvested. The loss of these disappearing ecosystems must be stopped, while sufficient sizes and number of fragments remain to survive future disasters. There may already be too few, so what we still have must be protected.