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Comments: A comprehensive inventory of all mature and old-growth forests on public lands is of the utmost importance. Special attention should be taken with forests on fragile landscapes, such as in the desert southwest and in alpine regions . This inventory will allow us to preserve these unique parts of our natural heritage for future generations and will help battle the threat of climate change.