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Comments: PLEASE do not leave out juniper and piñon pine forests from our nation's Mature and Old-Growth treasures. These arid-area dwellers don't look like "Smokey the Bear" (tall tree) forests, but they are certainly old, and they cover an enormous amount of land managed by BLM.

Further, juniper and piñon pines grow where nearly nothing else will; they have adapted to the seemingly barren landscape and tiny amounts of rainfall -- as have the animals and dozens of bird species that live there.

Humankind can't "improve" the juniper/piñon ecosystem, and admitting these lands to our MOG inventory ensures that these specialized habitats can remain undisturbed, thus preserving the land and letting the existing vegetation (scarce though it is) prevent erosion and sequester carbon. INCLUDE and maximize juniper/piñon lands as MOG forests!