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Comments: Old and mature trees at Black Ram are worth more standing. Giant clearcuts didn't help things in the past. Mature and old trees such as the giants in Black Ram are better than young trees at storing carbon, and continue to become better at a far faster rate than do the smaller, younger trees. We need to protect old growth and mature forests (the next old growth forests).