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Comments: All old and mature trees on public lands should be protected.

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.

Please stop using our taxpayer money in the distant wild ancient backcountry such as Black Ram. Public lands contribute only 3% to the domestic timber supply and none of it need be from old growth and mature forests-the next wave of old growth.

Thank you.