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Comments: I live in southwest Oregon, an area well-known for wildfires, drought, and old growth trees. I can state from first-hand experience that old growth forests are more fire-resilient than second-growth forests. Take a hike thru an old-growth forest: the air is cooler and damper than in second-growth forests. Many of the old trees have fire scars but are still thriving, a testament to their capacity to survive fires.

As our climate warms, the refugia provided by old-growth forests increases in importance. Indeed, leaving old-growth forests intact is one of the best ways to sequester carbon.

We must adopt a definition of old-growth as being trees at least 80 years old. And then we must cease all logging of old growth trees: the ecosystem services provided by these living trees are of much greater value than any value derived from their timber.