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Comments: Mature and old growth forests highlight the idea this is not only an issue about mature and old trees. It's about entire ecological systems, and numerous systems within those larger systems, that depend on and contribute to what a "forest" is. From hydrological sources to subterranean mycelia and terranean fungi to insects, amphibians, birds, mammals and countless other life forms we might not even know about, mature and old forests are indeed life support systems. And we, supposedly at the top of these chains and systems, are more dependent on them than we acknowledge. These forests are not about how many logs can be harvested or how many roads can be cut for recreational vehicles, they are about things like carbon sequestration, water filtration, and habitat for living things that are vulnerable. Mature and old forests are partners and we need to treat them with respect and care. We should do that right here right now.