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Comments: There is clear scientific documentation that old-growth and mature forests are incredibly valuable in many ways. They are one of the best weapons we have in our fight against climate change -- old-growth forests in the Pacific Northwest, for example, likely contain more stored carbon per acre than any other ecosystem on earth. Older forests are also tremendous storehouses of biodiversity. I encourage an honest, scientifically rigorous assessment of our remaining old-growth and mature forests, and the preservation of all such places. Further, I encourage the preservation of all types of older forests, from the ancient Douglas-fir forests of the Northwest to the older piñon-juniper woodlands of the Southwest. Thank you.