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Comments: The language now being used by profit oriented agendas to enable their logging of old growth forests (the most important existing natural resources for sequestering carbon, maintaining and honoring prime species diversity and prime ecosystem complexity, functionality, and sustenance) is now that certain forests are getting 'too old'. That old growth forests contribute to loss of health in younger forests can only be because those forests are not old yet and therefore do not sustain life as successfully as the older forest. The solution is not cutting down the old growth forest, thereby eliminating the resources the animals are clearly indicating they need, but preventing the clear cutting and otherwise irresponsible logging of both the old growth and the new growth forests. The old growth forests ought to be de facto protected against business ventures, as it is in actuality sustaining an immense web of life (in which we are included!), and the new growth forests ought to be responsibly logged if logged at all. There are many other ways to gather building implements, such as buying recycled wood from previous construction projects, and putting forests, much less old growth forests, in jeopardy is at this point in time a shameful resignation to the harmful, unnecessary, quick dirty money schemes that are responsible for our current climate.