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Comments: Boreal forests are critically important to mitigating a discombobulated climate. They aren't doing so well worldwide. Planting new trees is good but not as good as maintaining old growth forests. Existing old trees are survivors, proving exceptional resistance to drought. They have stored of atmospheric carbon dioxide captured several hundreds to thousands of years ago. Heat-induced droughts have become more frequent and intense. This poses a daunting threat on younger trees. Looking at how older trees have survived so long can help us help younger trees survive and help us with the excess atmospheric CO₂ and a warming climate. That is a good cycle. Please protect old growth trees. Thank you.