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Comments: I enthusiastically support the proposal of protecting old growth forests. This is a crucial carbon reserve which is increasingly important in this era of climate uncertainty. Additionally I would further advocate for additional protections for mature growth forests as well, as the mature growth forests of today are the old growth forests of next century, and we run the risk of not having ANY old growth trees present in the future if we don't protect trees 80+ years old now.