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Comments: Old growth protections should extend beyond prohibitions for logging old growth trees.

In other words, prohibitions on land disturbances that include but which are not specifically limited to logging old growth trees should be considered.

For example, mature trees within old growth stands and forests, while substantially younger than old growth ones, should be left in tact to help maximize carbon sequestration by these younger trees during their trajectory to become old growth themselves.

By virtue of that fact that most of America's old growth forests have already been logged, preserving those remaining systems is at least reasonable, if not imperative.

It's also my understanding that old growth systems have been shown be more fire-resistant systems. Therefore, thinning them under the guise of fire management is highly suspect.

Thank you for your work,

Respectfully,

Dave Colavito