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Comments: I would like to encourage the USDA to close any possible loopholes in the USFS plan to limit logging in old-growth forests. I strongly feel that a full ban on any logging in all US old growth forests is essential to not only better forest health but maximum carbon sequestration. We have decades of research on forestry on American soils (including that of my own father) and strongly urge the USDA to utilize existing research that shows can old growth forest can accumulate carbon in soils (<https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.1130168>). At a time when any tool available is needed to limit and reduce our atmospheric carbon, old growth forests are an essential part of any solution.

REFERENCE: <https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.1130168> - Science: Old Growth Forests Can Accumulate Carbon in Soils