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Comments: Please conserve old-growth forest as you update management plans. Old-growth forests are absolutely vital for wildlife habitat, freshwater storage, and erosion control. And they are essential to mitigating the impacts of climate change, as they can absorb massive amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and (if left undisturbed) store it safely deep underground in the soil almost indefinitely.