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Comments: It is important that there be real protections for both mature and old-growth trees, especially on public lands, and that these forests be managed without selling the trees.

Allowing mature forests to age into old-growth is an important part of biodiversity, and contributes to fighting climate change, providing wildlife habitat, and filtering clean drinking water for communities. In addition, research has shown that old-growth forests are often more resilient to fire if left alone.

The nation-wide forest plan proposal amendment needs to include new policies that protect these essential climate forests from commercial logging and to safeguard our mature trees.