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Comments: I support allowing and encouraging forests to develop into old-growth status, being spared from timber harvests, burning (in the areas of the country where fire hasn't played a significant or frequent part of their natural processes) and other thinning methods. I would like to see this done in the majority of our national forests, so they can provide the maximum benefit to Americans through carbon sequestration, air quality improvement, groundwater filtration, flood prevention, increasing biodiversity, and to allow these resources to be more available for hiking, bird watching, trail riding, and other recreational activities. These forests provide powerful and free countermeasures against the climate crisis, and we need to start managing them with that as the highest priority.