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Comments: I am thrilled that there has been an Executive Order 14072 to protect old growth forests and that the goals have been incorporated in the US Forest Service plans to protect forests from climate change. This is an important initiative as old growth trees serve so many functions in the forest community. In addition to sequestering large amounts of CO₂, are homes to innumerable forms of fauna and flora, and fungi. They maintain soil quality and provide shade and moisture for native plants, they filter pollutants from the air and water. Multi-hundred year old trees are not readily replaced nor is the work they provide for habitability on this planet.

It is my sincere hope that there aren't too many exceptions made to protecting mature forests outside of cutting to protect people and property against wildfire damage. I hope there is a total ban on commercial harvesting of these woods as there is no way to replace 100 and 200 year old woods outside of waiting the length of time to regrow them to maturity. These forests are national treasures to be revered, enjoyed, and preserved for the vast life they support, the ecosystem and environmental work that they do for us, free of charge as it were.