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Comments: I strongly show my support for a national old-growth amendment. I live in an area where i see the benefits to my own health and that of others as well as so many future benefits for the planet. It is reprehensible to sell old growth forest on public lands. This is a no-brainer and shouldn't even have to be said! We need to protect the mature forests as they will become the old-growth forests of the future (esp since so much old growth has been cut.). There is a huge magnitude of threat that we face from climate change and polluted waterways, impact on people's lung health and mental health (there are scientific studies to back this up) and there is no time to wait for protection- it needs to be happen now and in a big way. Saving these forests is a CRITICAL natural climate solution that will provide a meaningful impact on the climate crisis and biodiversity crisis. We have a moral imperative to act boldly and now for the lives of future generations. We should be leaving it better than it has been treated.