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Comments: Thank you for taking the steps toward protecting old growth forests. But I'd like to call attention to the fact that like people (perhaps some of you) trees are first young, then adolescent, then adult, and finally mature before they are OLD. Please safe guard the trees that are working their last years before retirement. The trees that become the next generation of old growth, sustaining the ecosystems they tower over.

Trees have the ability to be incredibly sustainable usable resources, but the most effective use of our forests is going to be as sustainable as they are.

Please safe guard the future by creating a way to save the diversity in our forests so they can continue to produce the timber we need for future generations.

Signed, a tax paying realist with outdoorsy tendencies.