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Comments: I am writing in support of preservation of all old growth forests as they are today with no further logging or thinning. There are relatively few such forests still in existence, and they provide great value to the natural environment and as carbon sinks. Because they take so long to develop, they cannot replace themselves once destroyed. I would argue for the preservation of all old growth, and a survey of forests that could become future old growth forests, preserved. We owe that to the many forms of life the old growth supports, in view of our role in destroying so much habitat on Earth already, and terminating many species out of willful or unintentional disregard for nature and the ecosystem. Thank you for considering my comment.