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Comments: 2. Given our current understanding of the threats to the amount and distribution of mature and old-growth forest conditions, what policy, management, or practices would enhance ecosystem resilience and distribution of these conditions under a changing climate?

You have to protect the watershed.

All old growth forest and potential old growth forest is on a watershed. Climate change affects the watershed by changing precipitation patterns. Changing precipitation patterns call for changes to the infrastructure that transports water. Use the rejected part of the Clean Water Act as a basis to protect the watershed for potential old growth forest. What dams need removed? What dams need replaced. What about bridges? (and tunnels - see: Chesapeake Bay Bridge fog collision)

Watershed protection also includes groundwater.

Watershed protection also includes water rights.

Is growing alfalfa in the desert so that it can be shipped across the Pacific Ocean a good idea?

Old growth forest is magic. See: Winding Stair, Arkansas. I have a tiny patch of potential old growth forest that I have been protecting for more than 30 years. You can't get to old growth without going through mature forest, and all forests will better survive in a healthy watershed.