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Comments: Do not log in old growth forest! I can't say it enough or more strongly. There is only one third of our nation's forest that is old growth left. Leave it as old growth and if you manage it with controlled burns that is fine. Otherwise leave it alone, as wilderness, to absorb CO2 that our nation creates, which it can do much more effectively as undisturbed wilderness. In order to deliver on President Biden's Executive Order promises, there must be real protections for both mature and old-growth trees - including from the threat of logging and 'management' techniques by the agencies. Climate is our most existential crisis right now and not disturbing old growth is one of the most effective ways we can achieve our goals. Log where we have already logged and plant back a mix that isn't a monoculture that will catch fire easily. Old growth should be a sacred responsibility of our agencies, and I'm fully behind protecting it from disturbance other than controlled burns.