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Comments: Old growth and all forests are communities of living organisms that have thrived and diversified for millennia, comprised of millions, if not billions, of organisms joined by mycorrhizal and fungal networks (not to mention insect, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals), working to maintain their community. We humans have benefited for as long as we've been on earth by these forest communities' abilities to clean our air and water and by cooling our planet. More recently, as we've escalated our fossil-fueled energy consumption, they've further served us in their tremendous skill at carbon sequestration.

We should and need to do whatever it takes NOW to protect old growth forests and defend and allow younger forests to regain and regenerate areas where forests have been destroyed by clear cut timbering, the wood pellet industry, and suburban sprawl.