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Comments: I am over the moon that this initiative is being seriously considered. For so many strong reasons it is wise to grow the arm of the Forestry System that seeks to protect and encourage old and mature growth forests. I see that Canada is working on something in this same vein and with some political changes in South America, there will hopefully continue to be supports there too for strengthening and encouraging old growth forests. The time is now. From the standpoint of carbon sequestration and biological diversity this can only aid solutions to our current existential planetary problems.