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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I wish to write in to express my interest in the discussion of old growth. I want to make sure that any decision made is not just made on the age of individual trees but on the stage of forest in question. Trees all have different age limits, and forests have stages. You can have a forest that is young but has large trees and this does not mean the forest is old. Also, what is old for us as humans does not mean the same thing for a forest. A tree that has a life span of 100-150 is not a long-lived species and indicates more an early successional species. Old growth should be based on not just age/size but climax species and the role it plays in the ecosystem. I have seen 50-year-old trees that are very large and a tree that is 150+ year that is small diameter. I just want a decision to be made on the local conditions, local silvics and not just people's feelings on large trees.