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Comments: It is admirable that the proposal would take steps to protect old growth forests, but it appears that these steps are not strong enough. Instead of limiting the cutting of old growth forests, it should completely stop the cutting of these forests, since there are so few of them left. Research suggests that thinning does not protect old growth forests, but rather that they are more resilient to fire if they are left alone.

Stronger protections for both old growth and mature forests should be enacted. Mature forests could then lead to the recovery of old growth forests. In this way, we can better mitigate climate change.