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Comments: Please stop this race to beat the deadline for protecting old growth forests. After decades of targeting "decadent" old growth "biological deserts", you have already won that race. The very little old growth forests left have turned out to be biologically rich, not decadent deserts.

Once the old growth is gone, the mills will have to convert to using smaller trees, as many already have done. The mills must all convert now leaving the remaining old growth standing.

Especially in this era of climate change, old growth trees capture and sequester carbon and are most resistant to the increasingly large and frequent wildfires.

Time for new thinking, before all the old growth is gone. These are public forests; they belong to all of us, not just the timber industry. They have already gotten way more than their share.