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Comments: You must develop new policies that truley protect mature and old growth forests! Currently, the USFS, BLM and other agencies, have many "loop holes" that still allow them to log mature and old growth forests. The so called "protections" thus far have been a sham. The USFS and BLM freqently log mature tress that are only a few decades from being officially considered old growth. This is decietful and only causes us to distrust the USFS, BLM and other Fedral agencies. Currenly, in Montana, wher four genrerations of my family have been born and raised, the USFS is relentlessly pursuing a logging project called the "Black Ram" sale. The fact that the USFS continues to pursue this project against legal actions and the out cries of locals and national demads to end this sensesless project, is a prime example of why you need to intervene and have strict no logging of mature and old growth forests. We owe this to the future generations after all of the destruction of our envirnment that we have caused!