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Comments: The battle over "Old Growth" is an argument that has been more detrimental to forests than helpful. In my lifetime I have seen "Old Growth" forests burn to the ground while managed forests with a healthy amount of "Old Growth" timber scattered throughout the managed area have burned and left a large percentage of the "Old Growth" unharmed. The thought that lack of management is protecting the large older trees is not a sound management practice to preserve "Old Growth" timber. Management can come in many forms; prescribed fire , pre commercial thinning, commercial thinning, and commercial timber harvesting are all examples. I am a supportive of all of these tools when used with the best interest of the forest and the surrounding communities are at heart. Please consider common sense and don't be afraid to cut a big tree once in a while just because it was deemed to be "Old Growth" 30 years ago. Let me be clear, I do not want to see lots of big trees being cut, but I can get behind a common sense management plan which allows for removal of large/ old growth trees to improve the stand health and density.