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Comments: I am a lifelong user of the national forests, and I strongly urge the adoption of Alternative #3

On climate change grounds :

1. older bigger trees are better at sequestering carbon
2. older bigger trees are the mother trees from which burnt or stressed forests can recover

On ecological grounds:

Old growth forest has become a rare biome, and the remaining examples must be preserved.

On heritage grounds:

So little of our old growth is left. There's no real need to plunder these last few treasures.

On aesthetic grounds:

Old growth is beautiful in a way that no second-growth forest can ever be.