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Comments: Global warming is the existential crisis of our times. Forests of increasing age sequester and store much larger amounts of carbon than younger forests. While we still can, it is vital that we cease logging all old and maturing forests in perpetuity.

Because there will always be unplanned losses of old and maturing forests to wildfire and other calamities, it is imperative that enough young and restored forests be managed to grow into maturity over centuries.

Managing old and mature forests should be the primary goal of all Federal forest lands

and that goal should include managing sufficient new forests for eventual old growth habitat.

The eventual "sufficient" Mature and Old-Growth Forest stands should greatly exceed current stands because far too much such habitat has already been demolished by unsustainable logging thereof.

Please adopt this policy with the strongest possible protections for current old forests and more to come.