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Comments: We can't simply look the other way and pretend that old trees aren't great at doing what trees do.

The carbon storage, shade and the soil moisture from the shade, ecosystem in, on and around them, and the lumber ALL matter. BUT - we can get plenty adequate lumber from other, younger trees cultured for this purpose.

We don't need to cut, drill, mine, pave and build on and on without thinking, as we did the in past, that this would all go on forever. Somethings - many things - should be saved because they are survivors and not much is left. We have pillaged across the country for many generations exerting our will on the plants and creatures we encountered and brought much of it to its knees...with drastic and tragic results with landslides, floods, trees growing back too thick with drastic fire consequences and so on.

Now is the time. NOW. We did then because that was what was done and known then. We know better now. We must do better. It really isn't any simpler than that. Now is the time to do better.