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Comments: Prevent Degradation: The policy must include clear directives to protect and enhance existing old-growth forests and trees, ensuring that management actions are beneficial to long-term health.

Embrace Passive Management: It is essential to acknowledge that many existing old-growth forests, like those in the Pacific Northwest and eastern U.S., do not require active management. Appropriate restraint is as valuable as active management.

Establish Clear Standards: Consistent guidelines must be established for the stewardship of sufficient older mature forests that can restore old-growth distribution and abundance.