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Comments: We need old growth forests. Older forests have characteristics that can provide important wildlife habitat, contribute ecosystem services such as clean water and carbon storage, and harbor significant social and cultural values for many human communities.

Increasing the area of old-growth forests in the United States would contribute to the climate resilience and landscape health of public lands. To meet this objective, the BLM and U.S. Forest Service are putting further emphasis on management to promote the mature stage of forest development.

People also ask

What is a what is the best use of old-growth forests?

Why are old-growth forests better than tree plantations?

Why are old-growth forests irreplaceable?

4 Most Ancient and Endangered Forests have superior carbon storage capability. For example, intact forests in the tropics store 40 percent of above- ground carbon despite representing only 20 percent of tropical forest cover.