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Comments: When Europeans came to what would be the United States, everywhere old growth reigned supreme. The colonists treated it with an abandon, like it would never end, and sadly we're looking at the end of it now. Especially with secret not so secret plans of the Forest Service to keep whittling away at our precious remaining old growth. Stop with the clever definitions that allow continued logging. Seek out local organizations who know where local pockets of old growth remain and need protection. Coordinate closely with local and state agencies and groups. Emphasize forest management for maximum wood production in the southeastern states and on private land. Don't be afraid to reduce harvest levels on NF land in order to protect old growth. Beef up Forest management practices in the southeastern states where trees grow much faster than in the arid west - and where most of the old groth remains. Fully embrace societies changed expectations for the mission of the forest service. I hope you're not still thinking, Wood water forage, wildlife, and recreation that is so pass[eacute]. in fact the concept of multiple used needs to go away. It served its purpose well but it doesn't fit today's needs or expectations for public land management. Actually, the agency's increased focus on resiliency and healthy ecosystems and climate change tells me that you're going in the right direction. Old growth protection needs to be a major part of that new direction.