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Comments: I'd like to raise values as opposed to techniques and standards. It is clear to anyone who has followed forest management on public lands that technical provisions cloaked in science garb have long allowed subjective determinations that seem to favor timber industry interests.

My own values flow from what I feel is a "climate imperative" that aligns with protection of old growth/mature forests. There are, in my reckoning, three subsets of protections within that are absolutely critical for life on this planet: carbon storage, biodiversity, and water quality. Why don't we start there? My "interest group", count me among those who are interested in breathing.

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