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Comments: I have studied the ecology of old-growth and mature forests for 50 years and have worked and lived in those environments.

There is no reason -- no excuse -- to log or degrade ANY old-growth forest, from the wet spruce-fir forests of the West Coast to the dry pinyon-juniper woodlands of the Southwest. After more than a century of war on old forests it is time to finally do the right thing and declare a complete prohibition on the destruction of old-growth.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.