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Comments: old growth forests are susceptible to unnatural fire, disease, insects and changing climate conditions - the same factors threatening the entire National Forest System. Harvesting pressure on old growth forests was an issue 50 years ago, but not today. In reality, active stewardship is not a threat; it's how we can save older forests.