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Comments:

"Mature and old-growth trees and forests store an incredible amount of carbon on the landscape and are essential natural climate solutions. Protecting mature and old-growth forests from the threat of logging is one of the most regionally significant climate actions that should be taken.

> Maintain protection for stands 80 to 120 years old for fire protection, for carbon capture & amp; endangered species protection.

> Wildfire resilience is not enhanced by logging mature trees far from communities.

> Protections for endangered species must not be weakened.

> Tribal input should not be tied to doubling the logging quota.

> Carbon sequestration is better achieved with mature forests rather than fire-prone plantations."