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Comments: I'm writing to urge you to protect our mature and old-growth forests from increased logging limits. Raising the logging age to 120-150 years would have devastating consequences for our environment, wildlife, and future generations.

Mature and old-growth forests play a critical role in:

Preserving Wildlife Habitat - Species like the Northern Spotted Owl and Marbled Murrelet depend on these forests for survival. Increasing logging would further threaten these already vulnerable species.

Fighting Climate Change and Reducing Wildfire Risk - Intact forests store vast amounts of carbon and help regulate water cycles, reducing the risk and severity of wildfires. Cutting them down would increase carbon emissions and make wildfires more destructive.

Protecting Recreation, Clean Water, and Fish Habitat - Forests provide clean water, support healthy fish populations, and offer recreational opportunities that contribute to both local economies and community well-being. Prioritizing short-term timber profits over these long-term benefits is short-sighted.

Please take action to protect our mature and old-growth forests. Our climate, wildlife, and future generations depend on it.

Thank you for your time and commitment to this important issue.