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Comments: Protect old growth forests. 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. The older trees absorb carbon dioxide critical to combat climate change and are critical to biodiversity and habitats.

> Maintain protection for trees stands that are 80 years or older..

- > 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.