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Old vets for retention, wildlife trees, future CWD are some of the structural attributes associated

with old-growth forests. Younger trees can be grown for timber with emphasis on wood quality (low taper, minimal branches/knots). These stands are resilient to pests and diseases (naturally balanced ecology) as well as climatic fluctuations for they maintain their own microclimatic conditions to a large extent.

When one considers nontimber forest values, these old-growth forests provide for watershed integrity & flow, atmospheric cleansing, carbon sequestration, oxygen production, recreation, medicinal products, botanical products, spirituality, sustenance, wildlife habitat, riparian functionality, fisheries, soil creation, soil stabilization, climatic regulation/solar energy absorption & photosynthetic products...

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