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Comments: I find plantations depressing See plantation.jpg. People avoid them.

One stunning paper is by Tom Shroeder who analyzed tree diversity and diameters in pre-european settlement in puget sound basin and in SW Washington. He used General Land office surveyor data. Wasn't our first president a land surveyor? How historical! Look at what George did for this country after visitng naturally regenerated trees. Maybe Tom Shroeders papers can inform your project (shroeder1.jpg). Monks used to live in the forest. Solitude is therapeutic. Christian theologians through the ages had a long tradition of appreciating nature. These include Aquinus, Wesley (methodists), Eastern orthodox etc. Heck, even John Muir! See pix from a slide show I gave). Large trees that have closed canopy enough to be tall and make antigaps offer humans and wildlife prospect refuge. People like prospect-refuge (see pix). Finally, A small tree retained after a variable harvest hosted our religious ornaments for one year but died the next year (xmas.jpg).

Thank you for your consideration

Attachment: plantation.jpg - image of forest plantation.

Attachment: shroeder1.jpg - images of charts depicting hemlock heights and douglas fir diameters from Tom Shroeder 2019. Presettlement forests.

Attachment: religion2.jpg - Quotes from early theologians about nature connecting us to a spiritual life.

Attachment: Wesleytree.jpg - Image of John Wesley.

Attachment: forestpreachers.jpg - Images of priests and monks.

Attachment: muirreligion.jpg - Citation of paper by John Muir, "God's first temples, how shall we preserve our forests?"

Attachment: antigap1.jpg - Image with two photos comparing antigap with no antigap.

Attachment: antigapfil.jpg - Image depicting forest.

Attachment: Juneaugp.jpg - Image of forest.

Attachment: antigap4.jpg - Image of forest.

Attachment: blmaple.jpg - Image of forest.

Attachment: xmas.jpg - Image of tree.