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Comments: Trees are an important part of my life. As a gardener for 21 years in Fresno County I enjoyed caring for plants of all kinds, and most enjoyed being and working amongst the great trees of the County Parks system. I maintain many trees on my property within the City of Spokane, where I estimate there are at least three million leaves currently sifting the airwaves in my backyard.

The point off all this is reverence for the naturally occurring biotic communities that are nurtured and sustained by the big trees of our nation's forests and lands. And I add to this estimate the soul nurturing elements of our old growth forests and redwood groves, which have provided myself, and countless veterans, the essential connection that removes trauma from the human psyche, and encourages the human heart to carry on.

Please continue the grand legacy of our Old Growth Forests, acknowledge the life-giving function of these long-lived companions of our species, the sustainability of biotic communities that is achieved because of our shelter wood canopy, without which the barren landscape would be vulnerable to desertification, deprived of oxygen, deficient of moisture, and deprived of the trillions of creatures which depend upon the great trees.

ATTACHMENT: trees by hh.docx - a poem written by the commenter in homage to the old trees and the benefits they provide