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Comments: As a former logger from the Northwest I have seen what happens when forests are left to themselves. Nothing grows under huge trees because they can't get sunlight. Since there is no food there are no animals. Just a few birds passing through. Grouse especially need new growth. I miss hunting them, but there is nowhere nearby for them. I read stories in GON. About how they used to thrive. As their cover disappears so do they. Deer also need new growth to browse on. Without timber management the only thing you have is dying old trees with no wildlife and forest fires of devastating size. Manage the forest for the animals. They benefit the most