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Comments: To whom I may concern,

I grew up in the Pacific Northwest my whole life. My dad was a logger in my younger years in Northern Oregon Coast. Back in the good old days they would even use dynamite to bring down some of the old growth trees where we lived. My dad even lost a couple co-workers during those times.

Logging is necessary thing if done properly. The problem is it is usually not. By taking away the old growth you kill the canopy forest. The lack of canopy concept creates a fire prone environment that is covering the entire Pacific Northwest. As I type there hundreds of thousands of acres are burning due to these practices. Nothing is done to keep the forest safe and the communities around these environments. I live in an environment that if catches fire I will likely lose my home, community and the surrounding forest. The forest grows back too dense and many trees die trying to compete for space. This creates a real disaster waiting to happen that has become far too common lately.

I have been to Alaska. It has a wild vibrance that is hard to beat. I also know they have had massive fires not too long ago. I visited Alaska for its wilderness setting and the wild things that come with that. By taking away some of the only remaining stands of old growth trees you are taking one of the reasons I enjoy visiting Alaska. I know most people go to Anchorage rent a charter boat and call it Alaska. I got a bush pilot and floated a wild river and saw what this place has to offer. Please leave what remains left of these old growth environments. Generations down the road will thank you for your diligence.