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Comments: I want to add to my previous comments by sharing some quotes from the book, "The Forest Unseen" by David George Haskell, a Professor of Biology and Environmental Studies.

" Logging, particularly clear cutting, kills many of these inhabitants ( salamanders, fungi, bees) of the woods, and their populations take decades, sometimes hundreds of years, to recover."

" Stripping the mountainside of trees turns the forest soil from a moist duff to an oven-baked brick."

These quotes come from a book that references a forest in Tennessee so naturally the eco system differs greatly from ours, but I think we need to consider the huge loss of special habitat and healthy soil by taking out these spruce groves.

The idea of attempting to replace these spruce forests with ponderosa and aspen cannot make up for the loss of these special habitats. We must treasure the cooler, moister parts of this national forest and the animals and plants that rely on them.

Thank you,