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Comments: It is extremely important to take the time to understand and measure the qulaities and importance of old growth trees, especially as the 'tongass is one of five intact forests left on earth right now. Peter Wohlleben , the experienced forester describes them as generational sites of knowledge, nutrition, and stability of forests. They are irreplacable as we learn that trees communicate with each other and hold thousands of species, from fungi to insects, birds , and soil that will keep our planet livable. Keep all the trees!