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Comments: In writing my recent book, Into the Forest, published by National Geographic this past April, I became all the more aware of the urgent importance of saving old forests for the health of the planet. Planting more trees is fine -- but they will not sequester carbon or respire as fully as the old forests. We have chopped down and subdivided forests for centuries, and the planet will not sustain more such human activity. Please do all you can to ensure that the old forests of the United States remain protected from lumbering, roads, development, and other degradations. Thank you.