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Comments: Old growth and mature forests must be protected. They are the best way to sequester carbon while also cooling the planet. Meanwhile, it is the forest which protects rivers and streams from getting too much sediment during times of heavy rain. Finally, forests protect the spawning grounds of salmon; the forest protects a major food source.