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Comments: Please, protect our forest ecosystems and biodiversity. Living, old growth and younger trees are vital to erosion protection. temperature regulation, habitat, air purification and water filtration - just to name a few. Not to mention the sheer beauty of unspoiled and protected forests and other wild areas.

Smart forestry practices are possible, and they include leaving forests largely in tact. We cannot replicate what occurs naturally over the course of centuries or millennia. We can harvest more readily renewable and sustainable wood and paper sources, such as farmed timber, bamboo, hemp, etc. We can expand our scope of thought, collaboration, and understanding.

The work is challenging, but it is a worthy endeavor and investment in our long term economic and environmental future.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this vital matter.