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Comments: How much can I say that hasn't been said before. I am the daughter of a forester who worked for the USFS for about 40 year, working on several forests during that time. From the time I was young he taught me that old growth should be protected, that we depend on these trees to clean the air we breathe. Just connecting me to forests themselves he had me out on tree plantings often. He taught me how the seedlings should be planted, and, believe it or not, I would tell older kids not to hold them out of water for too long, about planting them. It is something that each child should be able to experience. I have passed on this same knowledge to my daughter who loves the forests as much as I do. I have taken her out into the old growth forests in California to teach her about them, including why they must be preserved. I expect you to decide just so that future generations can enjoy the beauty of our forests, benefit from them, especially the old growth forests that we still have left.