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Comments: The value of a mature forest allowed to stand for decades beyond full-growth, on the way to centuries, is incalculable. From promoting the health of the ecosystem - flora, fauna, water, air - to enhancing the planet's ability to cool itself thus aiding solution to the climate crisis, to the value of a certain well-protected yet open to public areas for tourism, standing forests are an excellent asset to the world not found everywhere. It is home to wildlife that thrives only with a mature forest which is worth protecting right there, but also aids in allowing our health as humans.

The old growth redwoods attract visitors from all over the planet, so will and mature forest in a healthy state as we humans are naturally drawn to the beauty, peace, and frankly, sanctity, of a more and more rare treasure, a mature forest.

Healthy, mature forests \*are\* a treasure and ought to be nurtured and protected as well as any cathedral, museum, family home, living and beloved animal, child... on every level will we as a society reap the benefits of being good stewards who honor and care for our world's natural assets, including and especially, our forests.

Look at any region of the globe where they did not. Not one region is happy their forests are gone, every single one have regrets and unpleasant repercussions that their ancestors or current neighbors, so to speak, did not steward well.

Please, promote and protect our current and future standing mature forests. They are priceless.