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Comments: Large, old, mature trees provide so much more to the health of a forest than any value provided by board-feet ever could. Unless we protect & preserve these ancient living ecosystems, we will ultimately destroy that which sustains human life on this planet. We are doing the same thing to forests we have done to every other ecosystem, destroying its sustainability, and thus our own. Check out Suzanne Simard's book, *Finding the Mother Tree*. When will we wake up and realize that what we do to the Earth, we do to ourselves. To tell the truth we should not even have to be having a debate about it. The science is clear & overwhelming for the need to preserve and protect the ancient trees. Let's wake up before it is too late.