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Comments: I am not a scientist, just someone who grew up among majestic cedars, Douglas fir, spruce and lots of ferns. Today more than ever we need to understand how little we understand about the importance of old growth forests and all the creatures that only inhabit sites like that. Until we are vastly more intelligent about how all ecosystems work, I want the remaining forests left totally alone, except for study projects. No intrusions other than for study.

Additionally the threat to old growth forests comes from too many people and a growing population while wildfire ravages so much of forest lands. We must find alternatives to using forests to rebuild housing destroyed by fire and allow nature to regain a strong foothold throughout this entire country, and indeed, the world.