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Comments: Stop logging old growth and mature forests. We've already cut down 96% of the giant trees. The paltry few that remain are burning up. There are SO FEW LEFT. So few. Jedidiah Smith? Magnificent. Yet SO FEW TREES. Such a small patch of forest.

They are IRREPLACEABLE. A forest took thousands of years to grow, and probably can't regrow under today's climactic conditions even if we waited that long.

Log small trees, and not in mature forests. Clear out the kindling from unhealthy forests. SMALL AND TINY! Increase forest cleaning many times over. Don't clear cut, ever. And leave old growth stands alone.

Combatting climate change, carbon capture, eco-resiliency, the health of the planet - we all know of all these benefits of old growth.

But what about our souls? Instead of being able to wander and gaze in awe at the giants, we cut them down in an act of planetary suicide, leaving scorched earth behind. Mordor. That's what we are.