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Comments: I urge you to act decisively to preserve old-growth forests, with the complex ecosystems that have evolved over millions of years. It is naive to look at a forest, see only trees, and move to calculate the commercial value of timber. It is much more accurate to see interrelationships among organisms including fungi, birds, insects, diverse plants, and mammals that, taken together, provide resilience and a capacity for recovery from climate change. Tree removal in old-growth forests will destroy the last remaining islands of biodiversity. Scientists are even now discovering previously unknown elements involved in these ecosystems. We must move into preservation mode (from the previous model of exploitation mode) now.