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Comments: Our remaining old growth forests are irreplaceable and are an important source of carbon sequestration as our climate warms. They are a public treasure and are far more valuable standing than any economic benefits that would occur should they be cut. Timber that is grown for harvest is available on public lands already, but these tracts do not provide the rich ecosystem benefits that the old growth forests do. And like so many other plants and animals that have become extinct as a result of human misuse and abuse, the old growth forests once gone will not be replaced. As one who enjoys the outdoors and finds respite amid these beautiful giants, I sincerely hope they will remain for all to enjoy. Thank you considering this.