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Comments: Old growth forests must be preserved for a number of environmental reasons. The benefits derived from Old Growth forests will substantially out weigh any benefits associated with cutting down these trees. For one, it takes centuries to establish old growth forests, they provide habitat for many endangered species and they are best able to sequester CO2. Given what is happening across the globe to the weather from Floods in Pakistan, to droughts in China, Europe and the Western US, there can be no denying that our climate is changing and it will get worse. Given that we have cut most all of our old growth forest, we should put a total ban on any cutting of these nation treasure.

Besides the environmental reasons, there are numerous societal and health benefits for preserving these natural gems. Solitude, spiritual importance which brings people of every walk of life together. It provides wildlife corridors and protection for endangered species. Once they are cut, they will be gone forever. Please save these treasures for my grandchildren and their grandchildren. Please!!!