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Comments: Our fully functioning old growth forests are critical in the fight against climate change. They protect against heat, protect the soil, hold moisture, cleanse and purify the air and probably numerous other things we don't even know about yet. Overall these intact forests are essential for a healthy environment. Preserving our forests and keeping their complex biological interrelationships whole makes for a healthy ecosystem, which makes a healthy environment which equals healthy people.

It seems incredibly un-intelligent and illogical to be working to define something that is so beneficial to us in its intact form and yet at the same time be actively destroying it. All logging needs to stop and the Forest Service should take the time and effort to carefully define old growth forests, all their complex components and workings, maybe even try to understand them,---- and then preserve them for the health of "we the people".

Our culture often values hard cash over the integrity and health of the environment. Deforestation ends what these forests do for us. These forests protect us. Healthy intact forests equal healthy lands which equal healthy people.

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