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Comments: Growing up in the Swan Valley I thought our woods looked like the Black Forests of Germany, so dense you couldn't see sunlight through the trees. The Holland Lake area was especially magical due to a large number of ancient ponderosa. As the years went on I saw the effects of clear cutting, and it's an eyesore. Did you know the Japanese people don't cut their trees on their mountains because they believe them to contain spirits? I recently watched a program on PBS where a professional forager explained that plants are indeed living creatures. There is certainly something to be said about preserving the sanctity of a space and showing respect for Mother Nature. We are guests here, let's remember that even as we are facilitating a space to welcome guests!