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Comments: In this age, we can no longer plead ignorance to the impact our actions have on nature, and everything/one around us both directly and indirectly. I am not against farming what we need in a healthy manner, carefully, and without stripping sections completely. When we harvest fish, berries, apples, etc, we don't take it ALL. Because we have learned it not only depletes the species in that region, but it affects EVERYTHING that lives in or near it. And it takes decades to restore balance. We are not more efficient than the natural order of things, and to assume so is arrogant and short sighted. Climate shifts have made it clear that things are changing. Many topics for why we need to avoid clear cutting entire mountain tops have already been shared, and I agree with the others before me who have spoken. I also Think we need to think about how trees help our region, we need them to help prevent erosion, and land slides, and flooding. We need them to help filter the harsh winds that come with the seasons. Without the resistance of the trees, those who are farming and feeding whole communities are faced with yet more unnatural obstacles that they must work through. These may seem like small things, but collectively, acting too quickly and removing things faster than nature intended ALWAYS has costs. I used to forecast weather for the Air Force for 6 years and learned a great deal about environmental impact on weather patterns. 15 square miles is not insignificant. There will be problems if we cut in haste. Please re-evaluate the plan to avoid unnecessary disruptions to existing life, it all has value beyond our scope.