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Comments: I object to the cutting of this amount of acreage that includes old growth. It is now known that the management of forest land by clear cutting is detrimental to the environment especially where old growth is concerned. The old growth has unique ecological features. One being that they store enormous amounts of carbon in their trunks and allow more to be stored in the forest soil. Scientists suggest that they continue to capture large amounts of carbon in old age. Carbon in the atmosphere is one of the main causes of climate change so preventing carbon emissions is very important. Old Growth in forests should be preserved at all cost.