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Comments: The latest research on logging has shown that due to climate change, forests are not growing back like they used to. Trees are under an incredible amount of stress due to heat and drought and are therefore not producing ample seeds to reforest. In addition, logging opens the forest floor to invasive, such as bittersweet and multiflora, which will grow and dominate land previously covered by trees, giving the chance of reforestation highly unlikely.

We are at a point right now where we can do everything possible to mitigate the most devastating effects of climate change, and that includes preserving every inch of healthy forest possible. If we care about the future of our species and the world that our children will grow up in, we must resist our urge to be greedy and let the natural world heal.

Please don't kill this forest, it will never come back the way it was.

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