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Comments: I'm saddened that this project is being considered - we have so few old-growth forests left, and they're irreplaceable. Sure, we can replant trees, but it takes hundreds of years for them to grow back, and we really have no idea how to replace the entire ecology. The effects of this project on water quality, threatened species, and carbon storage would be heartbreaking. These are public lands that belong to everybody - we all get more benefit from the climate mitigations effects than we ever could from more timber in the market, and many of us who love nature rest easier knowing such wonderful places exist, whether or not we personally visit them.