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Comments: I'm concerned about the clearing of older forests, supposedly in an attempt to promote "you g forest species". But we need the older forests for many more species that need the bigger trees and denser growth. The forests will naturally create clearings from blow downs, fir waves, and occasional fires.

The so-called ecological restoration is best left to natural processes. Rather than cutting big, old trees for private profit, better to manage abandoned farms or sand pits to create "young forests', and make moves to protect old growth and mature forests as much as possible. Thank you.