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Comments: The UNSEEN EFFECT OF LOGGING old forests lies heavily in the mushrooms present there. Mushrooms grow in symbiosis with tress and connect to the tree roots, sharing nutrients. The area recently clear cut near Rutland, VT was host to a vibrant chanterelle community. I would gather these edible mushrooms with my parents each August and their bounty would fill our refrigerator through the year. This is the UNSEEN EFFECT OF LOGGING. The older a forest, the more connected the mushroom community. All mushroom foragers know it is best to look in old forests. By logging these forest you are destroying a community of fungi as old as the tress. This must be stopped.

- Miles