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Comments: Mature natural forests are not as common anymore, deforestation seems to run rampant without any due cause other than profit. At a time such as now, with the state of our planet's environment, removing 11,800 acres of mature forest would be illogical. Mature ecosystems are carbon sinks, and habitats, and they are already in danger due to the ever-evident climate crisis actions alining with deforestation and constant emissions have created. To go forward would be a blatant disrespect to the environments that should be preserved but also to the projected continued survival of every living thing.