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Comments: Our forests are exactly that OURS! For way too long the monied interests of our nation have gotten the loudest voice, the biggest chair at the table and the biggest cut, pardon the pun, of the American pie. With the fate of humanity likely to be in the balance. Climate change is more evident and gathering steam. The tipping point is upon us. We need to change our hearts, our processes, our regulations and more, in order to change our destiny. You know the important role that old growth trees play in keeping our planet alive and well. Between forest fires and clearcuts what chance do we have? Please give humanity our fighting chance. Save our old growth stands and let more of our mature trees become old growth. Our lumber industry can survive using some 2nd growth and tree farms. Thank you for doing the right thing for our planet.