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Comments: I am all for any effort to conserve our old growth forests and to foster the classification of "new" ones. As an Oregonian I have the pleasure of living in one of the most beautifully forested states in the US. They are incredibly important. They help slow the impact of climate change, provide a refuge for animals and a place for people to enjoy. We've already lost as much of our natural beauty in this country - anything we can still preserve, we absolutely should.