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Comments: This is a phenomenal step for land stewardship. This direction will help us mitigate the climate crisis, preserve biodiversity, and help us maintain healthy forests for decades to come. When a forest is clear-cut, there is an uncountable number of species across multiple kingdoms of life that simply don't return, many of which play key roles within ecosystems but aren't large or dramatic enough to get noticed. Keeping old-growth forests from being logged will preserve these species, and allow us to continue studying them to help younger forests stay healthy.