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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

As the forests of this earth continue to dwindle, I hope that you will take it upon yourselves to preserve and protect our last old growth forests. Their worth to us goes far beyond their beauty and majesty. They protect and give life to the plants and animals essential to our ecosystem. The one that guarantees us life as well. They should not be laid waste for the voracious appetites of consumers and corporations. Companies that claim reforestation are lying . You do not reforest with sickly transplanted tree that will never have the health and vitality of a natural forest. These magnificent stands should be protected in total not just a token patch here and there. Thank you for taking the power you have to establish protection of all old growth. Let the companies who mine these resources use their innovation to improve the already "farmed " land, and invent other less harmful ways to fill their coffers.