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Comments: Old growth forests are critical to creating air we breathe, capturing carbon from the atmosphere, and ensuring biodiversity in all forests. In addition, chronodiversity of trees is an important part of ensuring forest resilience. It's critical that the 100,000 acres of old growth forests located in roadless areas, natural heritage areas, and sensitive zones are not open to commercial logging. We cannot restore these old growth forests if they are gone, and there is nothing that can replace them ecologically. They are priceless and should be protected over the short-term pursuit of profit.