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Comments: The US destroyed or significantly degraded most of its old growth forest long ago. That which is left should be given 100% protection from disturbance, with just a few reasonable exceptions such as safety (eg if a dying tree is adjacent to a road).

Forests can and will regenerate. It may take a few centuries before a mature second growth forest begins to resemble an unlogged old growth forest, but eventually, if left unmolested, it will. It is reasonable to set aside a significant portion of current mature second growth land so that future generations will be able to see more of the country replenished towards its natural state. We have to think long term when we're talking about trees. Short term thinking of, 'It's already damaged so now we can do what we like with it,' will ensure there is zero recovery ever.