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Comments: Old-growth forests are critical for wildlife habitat, freshwater storage, and erosion control. Plus, they are essential for effectively countering the harmful impacts of climate change since they can absorb huge amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and, if undisturbed, store it safely deep underground in the soil almost indefinitely.