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Comments: It is important to protect old growth forests. They provide important habitat, help protect clean water, and provide biodiversity. Once they are logged or otherwise disturbed/destroyed, they cannot be readily replaced. We have a habit of looking out for corporate interests and those with financial means when instead the government should have as a priority the interests of the environment and the public as a whole. We need to take that responsibility seriously and put in place strong protections now.