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Comments: The importance of mature and old growth timber lands cannot be overstated. There is so little of it left at this point that there is no excuse for cutting anything further. Any protections that can be extended to these forests should. The future of our planet as we see it and experience it now relies on taking steps to promote conservation, not an agriculture mindset (even a well meaning one) toward forest lands.