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Comments: The amount of forested land across the United States and the planet must be encouraged to increase substantially in order to protect against loss of biological diversity as well as climate change. Public forests and old-growth forests (both public and private) must be protected from timber harvesting and allowed to evolve in their natural manner. They also must be protected from human invasion by off-road vehicles. Humans often leave a trail of litter and other pollution, devastated and degraded land, invasive species and their presence greatly increases the risk of fire. More roadless areas are needed and off-road vehicle restrictions must be enforced.