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Comments: As a resident of the Olympic Peninsula, I urge you to protect old growth forests. All of them. Every single old growth stand of trees must be preserved in their entirety with all the surrounding land protected. Science has now demonstrated the unique ecosystems that exist in these old growth forests, and that ecosystem must be allowed to continue to develop and evolve. These stands of ancient trees are essential to human survival in this era of climate change.