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Comments: Please protect old growth forests for our children and grandchildren. There are so few mature trees in any forest areas today. Most are scrubby looking trees that will take generations to be a beautiful forest again. These large older trees are so important because they store more carbon dioxide than spindly little trees. They provide us with the very oxygen needed for life on this planet. They are also the homes for many creatures like insects, fungi, and microbes that are essential for a healthy ecosystem, as well as squirrels, birds, lizards, bears, and a multitude of other creatures.

Our church group has been studying the disappearing natural world for a few years now. It is our requirement as Christians to take care of God's creation and forests are one of the most beautiful and important to our well being as any of God's creations.

Please support legislation to protect these essential ecosystems.

THANKS