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Comments: New science has confirmed the important role that mature and old-growth forests play in helping to stabilize water flows, which is critically important in an age of climate change. New science also shows that these forests are more resistant and resilient to wildfire compared to logged forests. These iconic giants should be preserved both for the carbon storage that they are capable of and for the role they play in keeping our forests diversified. Also, for the role they play as home to the many creatures that depend on them as well as the beauty that create for our public visits.