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Comments: Old growth forests are a public resource in need of protection and conservation for the future of humanity. The science is clear regarding the benefits they provide in terms of basic needs for humans and wildlife, as well as watersheds and the air we all breathe. Short-sighted exploitation in the past created vast fortunes for a few families and companies that will continue to ignore the preponderance of evidence that the benefits of banning old growth logging accrue to our entire society. While forest jobs have been important to our communities, these jobs would be better preserved through sustainable practices such as selective logging. Clear cuts are a destructive method that should not be used anymore.