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Comments: We should not be sacrificing the remaining old growth and mature forests still remaining. They are a source of so much that is good and so important to the life that relies on them, to climate catastrophe solutions and to our collective sanity. There is simply too little left.

As a 76-year-old I've seen and been horrified by the degradation of the planet all around me. From the plastic filling our oceans to the clearing of land all around the world including in the Amazon, to the degrading of the air we breath, the water we drink and much more, all sacrificed for money. And, what's more, these are OUR PUBLIC lands.

There is always a better way. Please move ahead with meaningful protections! Thank you.