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Comments: We are always hopeful that US Forestry practices/policies will be enacted to BETTER protect existing old-growth and mature forests across the U.S. But we are concerned about many "currently considered" agreements on a number of points.

We hope the following specific "wishes/requests" can be accommodated, in the best interest of humanity (near&far):

#1. We should not be selling old-growth trees on public/federal lands, period...

These unique old-growth forests host unique and irreplaceable environments & habitats, with many species adapted (and sensitive to large changes) for survival.;

#2. The "world health & survival" contribution of such forests is huge...

from natural CO2 sequestering of the forest umbrella, to providing rich multi-species habitats, to water benefits in stream/river filtering/cleaning/spawning beds, etc..;

#3. We should not still be logging old-growth forests...

... much less mature forests of significance on public/federal lands. It is reported that currently, approx. 360,000 acres of old-growth&mature forests are vulnerable to "approved logging operations." That is a VERY scary data-point!;

#4 OK, maybe this is just a paranoid, "of course it should never happen" sort of worry, but it must be stated: The powers that be should never exclude "economic reasons" from their overall considerations, because that erases or "makes invisible" those specific & essential consideration from assessed & critical forest management decisions. To omit or downplay "economic" reasons, which the timber industry would prefer, "hides" or downplays such influences (which still loom large).;

#5. Since old-growth stands have been demonstrated to reduce wildfire spread/intensity (vs over-thinning & stripping), we urge that any justification for foresting in old-growth (much less mature) forests is considered with regards to whole-area/environment/habitat wildfire risks (Intact forests tend to be more resilient & less impacted.);

#6. There should never be any old-growth logging in the Tongass National Forest (in Alaska)... never! No true need, no true reason for spoiling such an irreplaceable treasure.

We are losing too many natural treasures... forests, bays&estuaries, grass-lands & prairies, tropical forests, marsh-lands & deltas... and we must "reconsider our path forward" if we or our descendants are to survive (in any semblance of a "happy life"!!

For example, there is almost no old-growth populations left in any national forests east of the 100th meridian!! A truly striking, sad & alarming factoid!!

All i ask "please, don't be jerks," "please go forward knowing that old-growth forests are irreplaceable," and lastly, "we ain't gonna' survive as a species unless we take responsibility and 'do the right thing' in all our critical roles & decision points.