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Comments: I am in favor of this initiative to preserve and protect old-growth forests. They are essential for carbon capture, ensure clean drinking water, survive stressors from climate change like uncharacteristically severe wildfire and drought, and bolster indigenous co-stewardship of forests. Implementing this protection plan across the nation and working with trusted environmental partners as soon as possible is essential in this age of accelerating climate change.