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Comments: Please continue to protect old growth in our forests. We now know these trees are important in the forest community. Clear cutting is devastating and the "forest" is destroyed for the foreseeable future. Mosses do not recover. Creatures lose their habitat. Selective cutting, burning or removing ground level growth helps mediate destructive fire. Our biggest trees are like grandparents and literally thousands of years old...not just decades. Selective cutting and care is more expensive and cuts into profit, but must be maintained if our forests are to continue filtering our atmosphere and providing life giving oxygen for creatures who depend on it.