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Comments: By 1900, 50% of old growth forests had been cut down. Taken by those generations who lived back then. Thirty years ago that proportion had risen to 96%. What is there to consider than to preserve all that is left. If the economic impact of not cutting old growth is in any way a factor, it will make no economic difference to cut the last of it, since the same economic affect of not cutting now will be inevitable when there are no more old growth trees left alive.

Prior to 1900, there was a conservation movement in America because people knew the nation's natural resources wouldn't last, yet more trees were cut for the profit of those prior generations. What they took, we don't have anymore - not on any level. Is this generation with so much more knowledge and awareness than previous generations of what these forests are and their value as living systems, going to cash in on the last tree. Either we stop now, or all future generations will know who the final parasites were who wiped out what was America.