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Comments: Study after study support the increasing impact of climate change on our soil, air, water and atmosphere. Logically we must protect, support and sustain old growth and mature forests as a part of our conservation efforts to sustain our planet. One of the many ways to help the forest and earth in general, which is overlooked and underestimated for its impact, is the need to reduce, reuse, recycle and REFUSE our consumption of energy and materials at the individual level, not just the corporate and government levels. The countries and cultures that have been most effected by climate change yet are the most impacted should be praised and be models of consumption for the cultures that consume the most. These lower carbon footprint people should be applauded for habits such as practicing minimalism, using public transit, recycling their materials and living simpler, less consuming lives. These practices should be encouraged, not considered a disadvantage. Less consumption and preservation are the answer for each and all of us.

We need to shift our priorities at the individual level as well as the societal levels as we further legislate to preserve our planet. Corporate and government needs to continue to do their part, including the steps to better manage, conserve and steward old-growth forest conditions. They also need to more strongly encourage individuals to change their lives both related to the forests and to day to day living to reduce waste and consumption.