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Comments: The protection of what little old growth forests remain in North America is vitally essential and a moral responsibility. Diverse and healthy ecosystems have been systematically degraded and destroyed by unbridled development and antiquated economic incentives. Biodiversity lost cannot be regained. It is incredibly short-sighted to advocate for the destruction of old growth to lower wildfire risk. Many of these forest are not high wildfire risk and should not be cut even if they are! The world does not exist for our sakes alone. Parking lots are low wildfire risk, should we pave paradise?! Please do the right thing and protect these public assets from the greed of private enterprise.