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Comments: I urge you to make the conservative choice by enacting the strongest measures possible for protecting old growth forests and for allowing substantial amounts of additional areas to return to old growth conditions.

Living in an area surrounded by national forests I see over and over again where the cutting of mature trees is rationalized for one reason or another in an effort to placate those who press for logging. These rationalizations defy science.

Thank you.