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Comments: The old-growth forests and trees are our record keepers, the story of our past. The last of the remaining elder trees are at the top of the hierarchy of the earth's ecosystem intertwined with the flora and fauna as a biological community. Cutting these trees down wipes us humans of our past and ensures our children's children will not have a safe haven to connect with themselves and contemplate their place in this world. Much of the old-growth forests have long been cut down during this country's manifest destiny lust, however, much without regard to preserving the beauty surrounding us. Unfortunately, much of the beauty is lost to time. Sadly, we have a new generation that will never have a time where they can say, "There used to be a forest here," now they will need to look to archives to see what it used to be like. We as humans all have a duty to live in harmony with Mother Nature. To ensure that our footprints do not trample on all the life that finds its home in our forests. To leave this world better than we found it. To save the old-growth trees is to save ourselves. Respectfully submitted. - The Dharma Project