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Comments: Climate change is an existential threat to humanity. One of the best ways to fight climate change is by protecting and preserving old growth forests because they have accumulated massive amounts of carbon and cutting them releases this carbon back into the atmosphere. Old growth forests are among the most resilient forests and are critical to protecting communities against drought, floods and wildfires. It is foolish to destroy something that has lived for hundreds of years and developed a unique ecosystem that is invaluable to plants and wildlife alike. These forests are irreplaceable and are becoming more scarce everyday. Our government must take the steps necessary steps to protect these forests from being logged for financial profit. When I visit these beautiful old growth forests it is like a spiritual experience. They are so incredibly beautiful it makes me sick that they are being logged. We must protect these forests so our children can see them.