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Comments: I am in support of protecting old growth forest. The older the forest the more diverse the plants are under the canopy. I know this because we grow NW native plants and we go out to collect seeds to grow out the older forest have the most healthy diverse plants to collect from.

Old growth forests are like a library. The hold all the conditions that make a healthy environment. We have learned from visiting the old growth forest on the conditions that are needed to propagate the plants and how to grow the plants out so they are healthy and most likely to survive when restoring other forests.