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Comments: Forests are the unsung heroes of the intersection between humans and the rest of the natural world. For the majority of known human existence, this partnership was seen as ownership, and most people took from forests with little care and respect. Yet, several forestry entities have proven that sustainable forestry is not only possible, but the control of the wood quality through aging and 'terroir' is impossible to achieve through destroying wild forests. If the United States truly wants to be the leader in, like, everything, then it must protect all wild forests, but especially old-growth forests and force the logging industry to practice sustainable logging practices with specific forests grown for the purpose of harvesting. This might seem like a small concession, especially in light of everything happening around the world. But when people look back on this time and see that, despite the destruction of people, values, cultures, etc around the world, Americans still remembered to protect the truly voiceless victims of human progress, they may see a ray of hope in their own times, cuz let's face it... it's gonna get worse