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Comments: I am pleased you are valuing old growth forests! I hope you will value the entire forest, not just a select few trees. It is the connectedness of the components of a forest that will allow it to continue for years, supporting each component - and us humans.

I hope you will manage the old growth forests without heavy destructive machinery; there is no record of metal earth moving equipment growing in a forest - it doesn't belong in a healthy forest ecosystem.

Restore rivers and waterways that provide water for old growth forests.

Use targeted burns to maintain forest health.

Consider asking Native Americans how they traditionally managed the forests so we can learn all we can. Be aware and act on the fact that what happens NEAR an old growth forest will affect the health of the forest. Reduce pollution from mining and drilling by reducing mining and drilling.