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Comments: Land management has become unduly influenced by timber industries that receive financial personal gain from access to old growth timber. This financial gain is not transferred to the public. A short burst of economic growth is the result, which is not in the interest of a sustainable economy. Once logged, there is no economic return for old growth timber for 200+ years!

Logging is not the only economic engine that old growth forests produce. But tourism and sustainable plant harvest in old growth forest can produce permanent economic benefits and not degrade the landscape, both bio-energetically or visually.

There are other long term benefits, such as in thwarting the devastating effects of climate change, which can cost the public huge negative financial losses as the climate changes. Allowing intact old growth forests to remain undisturbed would result in carbon sequestration, rather than the massive carbon release of logging old growth forest, which would not only disturb soils and release carbon into the atmosphere, but sediments into streams which also help to add oxygen into the atmosphere, thereby countering the effects of carbon release. Removing the massive canopy of leaves that filter particles and carbon out of the air will add to the climate change and economic devastation for the public.

Current intact old Growth forests are already extracting considerable amounts of CO_2 and if logged, replanting with a non-diverse tree farm would add to the insult and loss of future safety for all people.

All together, the plan is ludicrous, and obviously biased to a small group of people in the timber industry to gain short term financial benefit. This is a crime to the people who have in clear majority opposed your plan to allow the harvest of old growth forest.

Please stop and think about the long term future in your decision making. You are going to be responsible for what you allow to happen.