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To Whom It may Concern:

I am writing to comment on, and advocate for, old growth forests. I have a degree in Forest Biology from the University of Washington's School of Environmental and Forest Science, formerly the College of Forest Resources. I was one of 11 females that graduated in 1975. I really could not believe the bewildering attitudes towards old growth forests when I attended the college. It was obvious to me, and to a few other students and faculty members, even then, that old growth forests were the key to the future health of complex forest ecosystems. Most of my fellow foresters at that time did not recognize their value.

Here we are, almost 50 years later, when research and scientific experts do recognize the intrinsic value of these forests. Why in God's name are we even debating it? Will you decimate the last remaining old growth forests? For what? Humans have proven themselves inept, at best, in protecting our natural world for future generations. Particularly with climate change, environmental disasters abound. We are literally on the precipice.

I admire the Biden administration for making an effort to protect the few remaining old growth forests. It's about time! What do you think will happen if someone who really doesn't care about these forests and just views them as commodities, is elected? Think about your decision in that light.

Please do the right thing. Protect old growth forests forever.

Sincerely,

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