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Comments: Old growth forests are an essential part of the Earth's life support system. They are essential to maintaining functional nutrient cycles and are an essential part of the hydrological cycle. They buffer extreme weather events, provide essential habitat, and maintain biodiversity. They are essential to mitigate climate change. They are absolutely necessary for the development of a sustainable environment for humans and other living beings. It is unconscionable to destroy our old growth forests while we criticize other countries for destroying old growth tropical forests in the Amazon.