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Comments: Clear-cut logging began in North America with the Europeans. I live in Vermont, a state that, given it's druthers, would be all forest. Before the Europeans came, it was. 100 years later, the mountains and valleys of Vermont were almost denuded and the loggers moved on west. Real old- growth forest is hard to find here, and it's treasured by Vermonters - as are all woods and trees and the clean water that comes down to our rivers. We're learning new things about Vermont trees and forests and water and animals and know that the old way of taking trees, and which trees are taken, causes damage. Signs of climate change are all around now - heat, fire, drought, flood, landslides, death of people and extinction of animals. We are close to the point of no recovery. We've learned that old-growth Forests can save us from the worst. Forest trees store carbon that pollutes the air and land, filter water, promotes growth of all living things. We don't have any more time to just talk.