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Comments: I believe we as community are transitioning from viewing trees as a commodity to trees being an intregral segment of how the earth's environment keeps functioning properly for all living things. Loggers still view trees as a commodity. That's the way they get money to make a living. Oversight needs to be done how a "restoration" project is carried out by those involved with penalties if parameters aren't properly done. Please don't feed the public with the nice sounding rhetoric without a meaningful engagement with that rhetoric. It is important for us ALL.

Thanks for the opportunity for me to contribute to this narrative,

Buddy Thomas