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Comments: Please consider alternatives 1 or 2 . Clear cutting a devastates ecosystems by obliterating habitats, forcing wildlife to relocate or perish. This practice drastically reduces biodiversity, undermining the complex web of life that mature forests support. Without the protective canopy of trees, soil becomes vulnerable to erosion, leading to nutrient loss and degraded landscapes that are less productive and more prone to natural disasters. Clear cutting also disrupts water cycles, increasing the risk of flooding and altering local waterways. Moreover, it exacerbates climate change by releasing significant amounts of stored carbon dioxide and diminishing the forest's capacity to absorb future emissions. Protecting our forests through sustainable practices is crucial for maintaining ecological balance and mitigating environmental harm.