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Comments: Please save mature forests managed by the U.S. Forest Service. The carbon saved in the soil, trees, and plant life makes a huge difference to our environment and climate. Mature forests (trees over 80 years old) adjacent to Old Growth trees need to be preserved.

In Washington State, we witness the terrible erosion caused by clearcuts. Soil is NOT dirt. It's a complex ecosystem and losing soil is shortsighted.

The U.S. Forest Service can and should improve their practices by making significant efforts to preserve mature and old growth forests.