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Comments: Just today I got back from a trip to Alaska where I was able to experience the majesty of old growth forests and hear from Forest Service Rangers who travel the Alaskan fjords by kayak to help monitor them. This experience helped to deepen my appreciation for old growth forests - their beauty, importance as habitat, and their critical role as carbon sinks.

I urge you as you continue to work to create concrete actions to protect old growth forests. While logging companies might plant trees, they are sad replacements for the vibrant ecosystem of old growth forests which, once lost, cannot be fully reclaimed.

Despite this, I urge you, where forests have been lost, to create and implement stronger protections and restoration so the land can begin to heal.