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Comments: There are no substitutes for Old Growth trees and undamaged Ancient Forests. The mental and physical benefits are immeasurable, for anyone and everyone who experiences them, rather for the first time or thousandth time. So much has been lost and there is SO LITTLE LEFT!

Please preserve every square foot of these treasures. There are other materials and activities which can substitute for every conceivable purpose for which these trees and lands are needlessly sacrificed. Saving isolated patches between clear cuts and plantations is not the same as keeping the continuity the ecosystems require to thrive.

Logging and roadbuilding destroy Old Growth and Ancient Forests and temporarily benefit only a few. To permanently destroy these irreplaceable treasures is stealing from the rest of us; stealing from us the only places like them on Earth; stealing the joy, peace, and renewal we desperately need physically and mentally, and which can only be experienced by visiting these Old Growth trees and Ancient Forests. Thank You.