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Comments: Just avoiding the amount of carbon that would be released by cutting down old growth forests is a great reason to preserve them. In addition to that are the extremely negative effects clear cutting causes that affect local populations of people due to erosion which chokes streams, the timber industries' negligence in regards to replanting and the fact that the "good paying jobs" that are only temporary.

Old growth forest tourism, if encouraged by state and local governments and with backing from the federal government, does bring jobs and business opportunities.

Please preserve them. A wasteland left behind benefits no one.

Respectfully,

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