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Comments: Old growth forests are a precious legacy for future generations. Some places should be forever wild, and a forest of old growth trees is something that should be preserved. I live a few miles from the Mianus River Gorge in Bedford, NY, and the experience of an ancient hemlock forest is unforgettable, one that has engendered and strengthened my own conservation ethic for the past forty years. Preservation is the best and highest use of these forests, which protect an unknown number of species that cannot be replicated elsewhere. Please preserve these natural treasures as they exist in our national forests. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.