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Comments: As Teddy Roosevelt did we must continue to do. These old growth forests can never come back if they are destroyed. I have experienced them and it is a deeply moving experience. They are a living organism that is vital to the land and they must be protected. We can not continue to destroy nature for the return of money that may seem like a lot in the beginning but in the end is worthless to the loss that will happen. I have been in and around nature for many years and each region of the country has its beauty. I have seen the destruction and loss of these resources and how empty it feels afterwards. We can not replace these old growth forests once they are gone. We can not lose this beauty and nature. Do not look at them and say we can make money. Look at them and think we can be without them. We must protect all our resources. Climate change is real and if we don't start now it will continue to become more dangerous extreme. Nature is telling us and we need to listen.