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Comments: I believe that we should be doing more to protect all forests in the United States, but in particular old-growth.

As I look around, I see so much unnecessary development, particularly of commercial property. I understand that there is currently a great need for housing in the United States, but we need to be prudent about it for our green spaces, as much as to house our citizens.

I currently work at a library, and we are expanding our building. The library and architects are actually working to preserve, enhance, and expand the green spaces around the library itself, for the betterment of the patrons who use the library. Based on surveys and public comment sessions, this is what our patrons want. I believe they would say the same thing about old-growth forests!

Old-growth forests are one of our most precious and dwindling resources, and they should be off limits to any kind of developments. I would like to see expanded protections for national forests, so we as a citizenry can enjoy them for generations to come. The more we protect old-growth forests, the better it will be for the people of the United States, and the climate of the world as a whole.

Thank you.