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Comments: I'm writing to support Alternative #3. Old-Growth Trees are invaluable to our environment - studies have shown that they are more resistant to fires - an increasing concern due to climate shifts. A recent study published by researchers from Resources for the Future showed " mature forests store substantially more carbon than young forests, avoiding losses of existing forests provides more carbon storage benefits than adding new forests." It is imperative that we consider the short term and long term environmental impact of logging. We must retain as much of our old growth trees as possible for our greater societal needs as well as opportunities for nature enthusiasts to visit and experience old growth native vegetation.