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Comments: I am writing to urge you to preserve and protect old growth forests. Old growth forests are vital for sustaining ecological structures and processes, and for preserving biodiversity and habitat diversity. Old trees are able to stabilize and nurture a forest better than young trees, and even capture nitrogen more efficiently (through moss and blue-green algae colonizing the moss) and fertilize the soil when rain washes this captured nitrogen into the ground to help young trees grow more efficiently.

Old growth forests also have cultural and spiritual value; I visited the Coastal Redwoods in Northern California two years ago, and it was one of the most impactful two weeks of my life. While walking among the giant trees and learning about their astonishing abilities, generosity, and history (including their importance to the Native American peoples of the area) I was deeply moved. And deeply saddened that we have already decimated over 95% of these magnificent redwood forests.

I am thankful for such projects as Redwoods Rising, and urge you to look at creating, maintaining and protecting old growth forests as an investment in our planet's future. Thank you.