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Comments: We work in the forest and agriculture business. We grow NW native plants for stream, wetlands and forest plants. We go out and collect seeds from donor sites. We are also growing lesser known understory plants. We have noticed that second or third cutting sites that have been preserved have more diversity to the understory. We find more different kinds of seeds in the older protected forest as well as more animal diversity in such sites. The other older protected forests have an established flora and fauna that is best for more diversity of NW native plants.

We need to preserve old growth forest diversity to be able to find the plants that make the entire ecosystem more productive for the future.