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Comments: I think that the practice of cutting down old growth trees, which can take up to hundreds of years to fully grow, just for lumber is a heinous waste of such precious parts of our national forests. This country is labeled by many, rightfully so, as one of the most beautiful nations on the face of the earth, and sacrificing that beauty on the altar of industry is a decision that will be regretted in the years to come. Not only would using old growth trees as lumber destroy one of the things that contributes to our nation's natural beauty, it would have a negative impact on the environment as well. I believe that old growth forests should be protected at all costs. Lumber companies can find other ways to farm for wood and mulch.