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Comments: Hello, I'm an environmental sciences student and conservationist. I'm also a resident of Washington State, which is home to a large logging industry presence and large swaths of national forest. I live in a forest, in fact, and right beside DNR land.

Old growth logging is, by nature, unsustainable. The environmental repurcussions are unconscionable as we fight wildlife endangerment and risks of species extinction, and the humidity barriers and cooling during the climate change crisis that are provided by old growth forests are, literally, irreplaceable. Old growth serves a purpose for more life on earth than just humans--and serves us in ways beyond being logged to become wood glue pulp for someone's flat packed Amazon furniture.

It is utterly counterintuitive to our well-being and the well-being of local species to log old growth. I am entirely and unequivocally against it, as is every member of my household, every member of my workplace, every peer in my classes, every person I call friend. Do not let industry speak louder than the people who live on this land and beneath the shelter of it's forests. it is the duty of the forest service to preserve the past, present, and future.