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Comments: Old growth forests need to remain intact. With the amount of deforestation going on globally already, these forests are vital to not only the environment, but also the preservation of the species that inhabit them. Logging and cutting these regions will only further upset the ecosystems that rely upon them for their own survival.

I've seen logging locations in Washington state. Not only from a grown, in process logging, and post logging. There were barely any wildlife present, and even the rarest bird was seen flying among them because of the frequency in which these forests are logged leave it too risky for species to live in these areas to establish themselves before we got back in and cut it all down. If you want materials, look at all the foreclosed and closed-up shopping centers and housing. We're consuming far too many resources and leaving them standing unoccupied and unused.

For the sake of what little environment we have left, especially from a wildlife and forestry management direction, please discontinue the logging, cutting, and destruction of old growth and vital forests and the wildlife that make them what they are. Biomes like forests, parks, preserves, and reservations are the last standing bastions and you can see the impactful difference between old growth and new growth zones. If you want material, you have to think about the long-term impact it will result in. You need to have dedicated regions to material allocation and management to ensure that free range and natural areas are unaffected. Replanting is a positive and well-respected decision but it oftentimes leaves more damage in its wake. Set up specific regions for logging and do not expand beyond that. The world is on the tipping point of environmental collapse and we should be doing everything in our capable ability to maintain what we have left.