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Comments: As a deeply concerned citizen, I believe that the forest service should not continue allowing the logging of old growth forests. By every metric, they are too important to let them be destroyed. Not only do they have a number of important ecological functions, such as storing carbon and providing homes to flora and fauna in ways that newer growth just cannot, but they are also just, precious in and of themselves. Those trees have stood for centuries, or even millennia, and are beloved and valued by countless people for their immense beauty. They are one of the few remaining remnants of a much wilder, more ecologically healthy America. To cut them down would be an incalculable loss for this country. They must be protected.