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Comments: It is wonderful we are working at a national level to sustain old growth forest--something that is dear to my heart as I love trees and live in the Pacific Northwest.

In your great efforts please remember that --

- 1) sometimes it is best to leave them alone rather than pursue active stewardship.
- 2) Any action in the environment of old growth trees should be beneficial. It doesn't make sense to want to preserve these trees by not cutting them down, but then degrade their living conditions so that they die.
- 3) Lastly, we need clear and enforceable guidelines based on expert science in order to preserve these great legacies of our nation.