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Comments: Old growth forests provide highly valuable environmental services

- living preserves for species diversity of fungi, soil bacteria, insects, animals and plants
- carbon capture engines protecting against climate change
- cathedrals to the healing power of nature
- natural laboratories for the study of species and kingdom interconnections
- stormwater catchments and rechargers of potable groundwater supplies
- creation and protection of surface waters and all the life they support
- saving for future generations pieces of the diverse grandeur of North American ecosystems

The ecological value of uncut old growth tracts large enough to be self-sustaining far exceeds the sum of cut yield and land value.