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Comments: The ancient inland rainforest at Black Ram in the Yaak .

The rich biodiversity of old-growth forests is a cornerstone for ecological resilience in a changing climate. Moreover, old-growth forests excel at absorbing and storing carbon dioxide, playing a crucial role in addressing climate change.

The ancient primary forest at Black Ram, on the Kootenai National Forest, should be protected as a Climate Refuge. Forest defense is climate defense.

I SUPPOSE THE ALTERNATIVE TO HAVING AN ANCIENT INLAND RAINFOREST, THAT PLAYS A ROLE IN ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE IS TO HAVE ANOTHER CLEAR CUT DEVOID OF NATIVE PLANTS, TREES, WILDLIFE, AND REFUGE FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED FORESTS TO FEEL CONNECTED TO THIS ONE EARTH WE ARE LIVING ON. PLEASE CONSIDER WHEN MAKING YOUR DECISIONS TO NOT ONLY THINK WHAT MORE CAN WE TAKE FROM THE FORESTS AND EARTH, BUT HOW CAN YOU HELP NUTURE AND PROTECT WHAT LITTLE WILD SPACES WE HAVE LEFT. MAKE THIS AN EXAMPLE OF A GIFT TO THE CHILDREN IN YOUR FUTURE THAT YOU HAVE NOT EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT. THANK YOU.