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Comments: Hello,

I am a mother and a public school teacher and protection of our old growth forests should be the utmost priority of the forest service. Not only do these trees provide habitat and biodiversity in a region, they also store tons of carbon and keeping carbon out of the atmosphere should be the #1 goal of our governing bodies at this time. They are more resistant to fires and their roots anchor the forest floor.

To cut them is a disservice to all Americans. Kids should be able to visit old growth when they get older for recreation. Also, they are backbones of the healthy forest that stores carbon instead of releasing it, as well as shading the area and cooling it. Please Protect the old growth! Once it is cut there is no going back and there are fewer and fewer of these precious trees every year.

Thank you!

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