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Comments: My husband and I have built a business growing Pacific NW native plants over the last 30+ years. We have looked for seeds to plant for the nursery in several locations. When we enter an older forest we find greater diversity in plant and animal life. We find the rare plants and like to learn what conditions they like the most so we can grow and reproduce those conditions for their reproduction. An old growth temperate forest is a treasure box of plants that should not be lost but protected. Nature is so interconnected that a more complete system may contain medicines that humans may need for survival or plants that could feed nations.