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Comments: To those who have more power than I to make a difference -

How do I speak for the trees? For the animals? For the sky?

For us humans to take a stand of being in control of the ecosystem rather than a part of its amazing workings is suicidal.

We need the trees for our own existence. We must do everything possible to support the lives of these life-supporting beings. Cutting the old growth trees feels like agreeing to removal of 1/2 of our lungs because we can still live with only one.

Old growth trees are not dispensable-they are essential. They are irreplaceable.

I am in full support of all efforts to pass the Northwest Forest Plan and I thank all humans who are involved in ensuring its implementation.

In peace, kindness and connection-

Mary Kass Flaig