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Comments: Old-growth forests must be preserved. We already see the negative effects of the destruction of most of our old-growth forests in this country, and none of it is good. Newer forests do not possess the same ecosystem complexities of old forests, at a great cost to our society. The monetary gain from using old-growth forests for the timber industry is temporary and incredibly short-sighted. Once they're gone, we will never truly get these same forests back, and I fear if we let them all disappear no one will allow them to regrow into the diverse landscapes they're meant to be. These forests belong to more than timber companies.