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Comments: Old growth forests exhibit biodiversity critical to naturally battling changing climate. The manipulation of the forestry service to "manage" these areas is merely a means to an economic outcome and not based on current science. Monocrops of new trees pale in comparison to the rich ecosystem that thrives in old growth forests. In fact, old growth forests fair far better when confronted with fire danger than do "replacement trees", and sequestered water in these microclimate areas cools and sustains them, and benefits our entire planet exponentially. We have to stop letting corporations profits determine the future of our habitat.