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Comments: I am a student and my major is ecology, conservation, and evolutionary biology. This topic is very near and dear to me. At the basic level why would we not protect these forests? Because people are greedy. We see history preserved in every other aspect of life art, literature, buildings etc. We need to acknowledge the beauty that comes from these old growth forests. These forests have provided for centuries and because of convenience we've tried to eradicate them. Keeping our old growth, regrowing, and maintaining is the first step in acknowledging the extreme climate crisis we are in. My first semester my bio professor spent several lectures on the physical, emotional, and community response that comes from maintaining any type of land. All of the effects are a net positive. We cannot fight something that is clearly needed. Maintain and restore our old growth please.