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Comments: It is well documented that biodiversity has been decreasing across the US and the world. This is not sustainable and does not bode well for a functioning and thriving planet in which we all depend on.

Old growth forests support a high level of biodiversity and offer intrinsic values far beyond timber. We need plenty more of these places to help ensure a thriving future for humanity. Let's seize this moment and step out of our current destructive economic habits and make better holistic decisions for our children's future.

It is my hope that we leave these precious places in the management of nature, and work on reforesting degraded land to provide the material needs for our society.

Best regards