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Comments: Dear US Forestry Service,

Money is not the only value system for Americans. Beauty, connectedness, stewardship -- these are values that preceded commerce, and will succeed it when the extraction of our natural lands leaves us verging on, and possibly experiencing extinction.

You can't force nature to bend around false values, values we make up and try to impose on trees, water, animals, and the air. Do you ever leave your cubical and go take a walk in Rock Creek Park? Do you feel different when you do? That was saved for your sake, and all our sake. It was saved for the sake of its intrinsic value -- its beauty.

When you allow old growth forests to be logged, when you log it yourself, you are participating in the forced value system that the earth itself has no knowledge of. Good luck. If nature suffers, so do we. That is why I ask that you eliminate exceptions in this plan that allow forest managers discretion to convert old-growth to young forests, or to otherwise degrade or diminish forests' old-growth condition.