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Comments: This is an impassioned plea to consider the keeping of old growth forests as they are in themselves an incredible resource and asset of theis country in the place they are right now. Any consideration to destroy these forests, thin out thus changing the character of them, or somehow thinking that their removal in part even strategically, would be a terrible moment in the history of this country. We have our challenges already with the shortsighted nature of regulations and controls that feed climate change and global warming factors. Please don't add to this , even using some kind of poltical logic that removing significant parts would "protect" our forests. The removal would irreversibly change our eco structures and take us farther down the road of damage contributing further in the long run. These forests are our home and our stewardship is more impotant than ever. Keep the old growth forests. Allow our future citizens and all of us hope for a better, more sustainable future.