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Comments: Preserving healthy forests is needed to maintain ecological balance. It is critical for supporting life and ensuring a healthy future.

In my experience, the gratitude and awe that I have felt most often while surrounded by the healing colors, birdsong, and sounds of water flowing... while breathing in the freshest of air that is uniquely provided by being in a healthy forest echoes the sentiments of many thousands of fortunate visitors of the great forests of the Northwest.

Many of this project's plans do not appear to have been made with consideration of devastating lessons learned by previous damage done by clear-cuts especially those of steep slopes, **EVEN IN THE WILD!**

We know better! Short-sighted projects focusing mainly on cash sales have preceded many devastating landslides, destruction of soil, devastation to native flora and fauna, damaging riparian areas, polluting waters, and can lead to flooding. This list goes on, and the implications last far beyond the lifetimes of those who are cutting the trees, even those who "think they might benefit" from the careless negligence of protecting the crown jewels of this land.

Healthy forest ecosystems not only add to our sense of peace and hope, for the future of our children's children. They filter pollutants from the AIR and WATER, they moderate the climate with the shade trees provide and evapotranspiration.

Forests filter pollutants from the air and water! May your decisions today mean that your children's children have clean air to breathe, and clear, life-giving water to enjoy!

In gratitude and great hope, Gloria Bradford