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Comments: It is paramount that a better standard is adopted to protect old growth forests all across the U.S. Not only are they critical habitat for countless animals, they also provide important ecosystem services such as soil stability, have better survival rates from forest fires, and help protect the whole environment. Old Growth Forests additionally store a significant amount of CO<sub>2</sub> compared to their total percentage of forest in the U.S. There are a million reasons to protect these forests and we must act to do so. Once we cut it, it is gone forever. These forests cannot just be replanted. Please please please integrate protections in for these invaluable forests.