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Comments: I am writing today to urge for protection of all old growth forests and to cease logging, especially the forest at Black Ram, in the Kootenai National Forest asking it to be permanently designated a climate refuge.

Replanted forests often don't "work" for the benefit of all living things or for human harvesting otherwise there wouldn't be a constant push to log these areas while there unprotected or while finding loopholes in existing protection and managed forests rarely if ever can duplicate what time and nature can do when left to itself.

Scientists, locals and concerned citizens such as myself urge and ask you to review and protect these areas. I'm speaking of all these areas but with specific emphasis on Black Ram. Please do the right thing and protect it for all living things.

Thank you,

Ralph Mills