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Comments: Old Growth forests are essential to our future. they contain the history and foundation that makes the world a better place. As the Sierra Club tells us:

"Old-growth forests store large amounts of carbon, clean the air we breathe, maintain and increase biodiversity, filter water, and reduce wildfire risks."

Trees absorb carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from the atmosphere and release oxygen through photosynthesis. At the rate humans create carbon dioxide, these old growth trees have been helping humanity for hundreds of years and will continue if preserved thru care rather than destroyed. For the sake of future generations, the US Forest Service has the primary role in keeping these old growth forests preserved. Please think about future generations and the real disservice done by tearing them down just to benefit "the now" way of life. NO amount of money can bring back the benefits provided by old growth forests that have been destroyed.