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Comments: I have been an environmental educator since 1998 and have loved the outdoors my entire life. My first moment of recognizing the negative impact people can have on our local environment occurred around the age of 12. I was exploring a local creek and discovered all the crayfish, normally abundant in the creek, were belly-up and littering the creek bottom. Those images are still burned in my memory and a reminder of the importance of clean waters. Now I understand the importance of the entire ecosystem surrounding our waters and how changes in our forests can have devastating consequences to our waters and the organisms that reside there. We must draw lines, not to be crossed, for the forests that provide so many ecosystem services for free. Services worth tens of billions of dollars at the least. This is especially true for our OLD GROWTH FORESTS that provide habitat for many unique and important species, leading to a diversity of life that can't be found in second or third growth forests, where soil has been degraded and populations altered. With diversity there is strength and resilience in ecosystems. Please manage our OLD GROWTH FORESTS to protect them for future generations and all the ecosystem services that they provide.

Sincerely, Robert Wilder