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Comments: I am an Oregonian who has traveled the world. In the US, only the Northwest United States has old growth forests. At one time we had an entire rain forest that went from our southern border to northern Canada, but just like the rain forests of South America, our beautiful forests have been plundered until not much is left. <https://www.nps.gov/olym/learn/nature/temperate-rain-forests.htm> You would think that with climate change studies the cutting down of established forests would stop. <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2024/09/16/as-climate-threats-grow-us-seeks-to-restore-old-growth-forests> <https://washingtonstatestandard.com/2024/05/22/why-no-one-knows-exactly-how-much-old-growth-forest-we-have-left/> .

Why are these studies being ignored? Why are our old growth forests constantly at risk? Stop destroying what cannot be replaced. We had deaths in Portland from the short sighted cutting down of trees in a corridor that created so much heat that people died during an extreme wether event. By removing our older forests you are removing part of our heat shield for our environment. You are being very short sighted and I find these actions dangerous for our state and our people.