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Comments: Walking in old growth forests among trees hundreds of years old is a privilege I appreciate and can experience living in the northwest and traveling to the Redwoods of Northern California. The ground is soft and spongy as layer upon layer of fallen needles and trees create a carpet rich in nutrients for the next generation of plant life. The coolness of the forest is a welcome respite from heat. Part of this experience is a reverence for the vital role forests play in the quality of earth's air. Those who live far from the northwest might not realize how important the forest is for carbon sequestering and cleaning the air we all breathe. The forest is literally the earth's lungs. Strengthening the Northwest Forest Plan is vital to life on this planet. Thank you for supporting and protecting our forests!