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Comments: Our concern is the preservation of the last remaining OLD GROWTH forests here in the Northwest. Our forests have over the decades been turned into dense, sterile, fire prone tree plantations meant only for the production of timber. The assumption that PUBLIC land should provide a source of income for rural communities is absurd. These people should move away to where there are jobs that do not entail the blunder and pillage of nature regardless of how many years their families have lived there. Does NATURE only exist for profit? Does it have any inherent value other than plunder?

Centuries old forests with both healthy and decaying trees are treasures that we as humans must preserve.

Thank you