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Comments: I support forestry practices that prioritize carbon sequestration, maximizing the preservation of old growth, maintaining a varied ecosystem, and respecting and involving indigenous stakeholders in the process of forest management.

When my late father visited Oregon some years ago, one of his fondest desires was to see the Oregon forests.

As we drove through the west side Kalapuyas, what struck him most was the devastation of the clearcuts. As he looked at one particularly steep denuded hillside, he said, in effect, "That can't be right. What's to keep the whole hill from washing away?" This was a man who never voted for a Democrat in his life. He didn't know much about ecology, but as a guy who grew up faring, hunting, fishing, and trapping, he had a feel for how the web of nature fits together.