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Comments: I urge you to please protect our old-growth forests from logging and extractive activities. As a resident of the Pacific Northwest these forests are essential to our community and are a major reason why I love living here. Mature and old-growth forests are natural carbon-storing champions, resilient against wildfire, and critical to mitigating climate change. Logging them would worsen the biodiversity and climate crisis. These forests also provide essential habitat for imperiled species like the northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, and coho salmon. They also filter and protect drinking water for communities across the Pacific Northwest.