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Comments: I have grave concerns regarding the clear cutting of old growth forests. These important ecosystems provide critical habitat for hundreds of birds, animals, and insects (specifically important pollinators), including many endangered or threatened species. The trees retain moisture and sequester carbon which helps to mitigate the impact of climate change and slow wildfires. The vast root systems stabilize soil to prevent run-off and degradation to the watershed and also nourish understory plants. Clear-cutting and mono cultures expose forests to a host of pests and diseases. It would take hundreds of years to replace clear-cut trees. Please carefully consider these serious impacts in your discussions!