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Comments: It can be no secret out world is in eminent danger. Over population, destruction of habitat, erosion, pesticide use, over fishing, clear cutting, plastic and light pollution, depletion of natural resources and many other destructive actions will eventually make our planet uninhabitable. We cannot afford, nor should we support the wanton destruction of this vital resource. But their true value is not in harvesting them. They need to be protected so they can continue to protect our planet. We all know trees are the lungs of our planet, they filter our air, provide shelter to wildlife, stabilize water sheds, deter erosion and bring about a calmness is a harried word. Their intrinsic value far out weighs their monetary value. There are alternatives to their use as lumber or paper, but there is no alternative as protectors of our planet.