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Comments: Raping the forest of its old growth timber, should not be a topic of conversation any of us should be having. This is our living history, this is what makes America beautiful, this is what makes the West the West!

I came of age in a time when Montana and Idaho (I spent my summers at my grandmother's in No. Idaho) when the logging industry started clear cutting. I watched as mountains were denuded and to what end? Profit for a certain sector? The forests need to be saved, not raped and murdered (and that is exactly what this is). RAPE and MURDER. Instead of kowtowing to the new regime, let's fight for what makes the West, the most beautiful place on the earth . . . it's old growth forests.