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Comments: I am writing in support of protection for old growth forests. You know the obvious reasons: keeping our air clean and our natural environment intact and animal species alive. Beyond that, trees provide a rich history of our nature as members of an ecosytem. If we cut down too much of history, we loose our soul and our health as well.

You will find studies to reveal the improved health of communities of humans who live closer to natural environment.

I agree it is most helpful to have the indigenous people help with forest management.

I also agree that trees can be harvested intelligently and effectively to support lumber needs of our communities. Let's uese discretion and deliberation to protect and promote quality of life along with judicious managment of the forests. Please, let the scientists inform the bureaucrats best practices. thanks for taking my comments. my vote is YES for tribal involvement and NO to expanding logging of trees 80-120 yo.