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Comments: Opening up old growth forest to logging will bring irreversible damage. These trees that take 100s of years to grow are what keep water in the ground, preventing fires, nurturing other trees, channeling nutrients from coast inland and back. They are irreplaceable for the health of the planets and human health. Without them, fire, wind, landslides, extreme temperatures, carbon dioxide, storms. The trees are the water keepers, the soil makers, the oxygen makers. And one old tree is worth exponentially more than young trees without established mycelial networks to connect, deep tap roots to store water beneath the earth for times its' needed. Do not log these areas. It will bring damage to your homes, cities, people you love. It's not worth any amount of money to remove the trees that stand between us and a less stable ground- wildfires, landslides, soil loss, flooding, acid rain. They are our guardians. Know this. Think of your children, who need clean air to breathe. Think of your grandchildren, who need soil to grow food in. Do not commit this crime against them. You will regret it the rest of your days.