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Comments: Spending time amongst the majesty of trees is something that has not only soothed, taught, and enriched me, but something that has fundamentally changed and shaped who I am as a person. From my earliest memory, I recall being shown the forests of California and the Pacific Northwest by my parents, themselves nature lovers. This is where they taught me science, philosophy, and to respect the world around me. It's where I grew up walking dogs, taking hikes when the world felt too overwhelming, going on first dates, camping, and even scattering the ashes of loved ones who, though they had passed away, could not bear to leave the natural world.

To deprive current and future generations of Americans and tourists alike of what is truly the jewel of America, something we've fought so hard to preserve, is unimaginable. It's something that we can never undo, that rob's children and adults of the beauty, peace, joy, and understanding one can only find amongst nature, which words, pictures, and memories cannot replace. I was taught of the tragedy of the many felled trees of the 19th and early 20th century and how much we lost, as well as why it was and remains important to protect them for us and, more importantly, for the nature that relies on them.

We cannot express what a profound loss this would be, but please take the words of the many at face value and ensure you do not make a mistake that there is no way to repair.