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Comments: Old growth forests deserve protection. They are home to many diverse species of plants and animals and serve as carbon storage areas. Old growth forests have been growing for hundreds of years, providing their services to nature and man alike. When old growth forests lose protection, habitat and carbon storage can be lost. It is important to preserve these forests for generations of animals and people to come because these are valuable lands worth saving. We shouldn't wait until after the forests are gone to see how much we really needed them.