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Comments: For the sake of our mutual resilience,

I strongly oppose the expansion of logging in old growth forest in the Pacific Northwest and Pacific Southwest regions. These ancient ecosystems are irreplaceable. They are home to countless plant and animal species, including the endangered northern spotted owl, vital carbon sinks in our fight against climate change, and sacred spaces for indigenous communities. Logging them for short term, economic gain undermines our responsibility to future generations and threatens the ecological balance of the entire region. We should be investing in sustainable forestry practices, and protecting what's left of these rare and resilient forests, not accelerating their destruction. Once these old growth stands are gone, they are gone forever. We must choose preservation over profit.

If you need data or personal anecdotes to support any of these notions, I am happy to support you in accessing the resources needed to save our forests.

Sincerely,

Dr. Adrienne Godschalx