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Comments: The northwest U.S. forests are a fabulous resource with some of the last remaining old growth trees still extant. I support saving these climax forests for wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration, clean water from their water sheds, and unique recreational opportunities.

The old growth forest are important for endangered species, and the spotted owl is one species that depends on these old trees. The timber industry complains that, despite the preservation of the forests, the spotted owl is still in decline. They do not understand that it takes a long time for species recovery, and if the forests are logged, the chances of recovery of the endangered spotted owl decline considerably.

Please save these old growth trees. Once logged they are gone forever, and I believe their loss is not worth the short term money made for a few logging companies at the expense of the public trust, the environment and endangered species.