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Comments: With ever increasing climate change affecting the far Northern areas the fastest; it is essential that intact forests are kept intact to store carbon and continue to soak up the sun through leaves and needles. These complex ecosystems shelter diverse interconnected plant and animal communities and filter water for salmon and people. The forests are knitted together in precise ways and only function when not clear cut with stream polluting roads. We can not cut our way to climate stability that our children and grandchildren will need for healthy futures. It is so important and should be taken that way versus the easy way out to cave to business pressure.