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Greetings, I am a Theatre and Environmental Studies Professor at the University of Colorado, and I facilitate a group for young women's vocal empowerment in Boulder, Colorado at the University of Colorado. I asked the eight girls in the group today (who attend Casey Middle School, Boulder High School, and Fairview High School) to contribute their views on this, and this is what they said.

Lerato 15 years old: Please don't cut down the trees of this rain forrest. We need these trees and all trees to breath. This will also disrupt natural habitats for wildlife, food chains, and ecosystems that are important parts of the environment.

Eliza 16 years old. Please do not disruptive ecosystem in the Tongo Rain forest. Don't destroy more of nature's beauty.

"The world has been stripped of it's natural resources far too much. Trees play a very important role in our lives as they convert CO2 into O2. If you take all of the trees away, we will all be doomed. I am the Lorax and I speak for the trees so please, please don't kill the thing that keeps you and all of earth's inhabitants alive." - Finella (age 15)

"Even if this forest's destruction does not affect you and your family directly, it will affect many many people and animals. Ignoring this will come back to bit[e] everyone in the end." -Uli (age 12)

"This forest holds many animals that rely on this ecosystem. There are also indigenou people who live there. Also, trees/forests are the ones who make much of the air we breath. we only have a few precious spots of nature in the world we should be respecting and protecting them, not destroying by logging and building roads on them. Please change the world for the better, it's the only one we have! - Ting (age 13)

Lola, Age 15: These actions are impossible to undo. This forest was here before us, and to ruin it is as unforgivable as killing a child. It is a living ecosystem that has done nothing wrong and it produces life-giving air. We implore you: Do not carry this out!

Olympia, Age 15: Put more energy and time into something more important than cutting down a temperate rainforest. Instead of taking away the homes of the natives and the animals put more effort into the natural disasters, the hungry and poor, and the real issues that matter. Alaska is one of the only frontiers we have left so let us preserve it as much as possible. Logging also contributes to global warming not just using and burning fuel to cut down the trees but taking away the trees that take away the CO2 out of the atmosphere.