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Comments:

There is so little old growth timber left to us, and it is so important for our wild animal populations, I find it hard to believe you are still planing on cutting any more down.

Yes, it does grow back, but it takes many years, decades even for the under story plants the deer graze on to come back. We harvest the deer, save the wolves who also eat the deer, and take away their safe winter habitat, and food supply.

There is also the fish stream issue. The buffer zones are not really effective much of the time, as winter winds often take down the remaining trees that have less protection. Silting up, and larger temperature fluctuations in summer and winter are hard on salmon runs. This in turn will affect the ability of bears to prepare for hibernation. The bears and birds also spread the dead salmon out to fertilize the forest.

It has gotten far out of balance, and we must stop logging old growth. Focus instead on stewardship of old logging sights.