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I implore you to leave the old-growth forests as they are, so that we may keep some wild, protected areas for wildlife and for our renewal.. The spotted owl and marbled murrelet can only survive in old-growth trees. They are our heritage, and our children's, part of nature's diversity. The air-quality and water quality should not be compromised. What we have in Oregon is a national treasure; worth so much more than the short-term financial gain to be made from chopping the wild cathedrals down. It would be a tragedy to criss-cross the wilderness with logging roads. Our spirits are renewed in the clean peace of these groves.

There are opportunities, in the long run, to become more prosperous. People's spirits need the wonders of cathedral forests. They are worth so much more alive than dead. The trees took hundreds of years to grow. The species that are struggling to survive with the shrinking habitat took eons to evolve. We cannot, in good conscience, destroy their homes for short-term gain. Let's work together and come up with other solutions than to sell our most precious resources. It could not be regained. These fragile, beautiful creatures could not survive.

Please do not promote desertification by cutting down the lungs of the earth. Please think this out more. Wild nature is certainly worth saving.

Respectfully,

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