

## Ancient Forests of the United States

The ancient forests of the United States are among the Earth's most treasured resources. However, decades of logging have reduced these magnificent forests to a mere fraction of their past majesty, and the biological diversity of the very ecosystem they comprise is severely threatened. All levels of government must take immediate action to curb this tragic loss of our ancient forest heritage.

We consider the protection of these ancient forests as one of our basic goals. We believe that those remaining ancient forests which are capable of surviving, as well as the surrounding areas that contribute to the preservation of a vital, functioning ancient forest ecosystem in the United States, should be saved and not logged.

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