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Having spent 30 years in basic research at Oregon State University in the field of Botany & Biochemistry, I feel we are being very naive in what is happening around the world as far as climate is concerned. It is dire that we seriously address these problems in an adult manner, looking at long term ramifications of our actions.

Having spent a childhood picking apples in my family's orchards I know what farming is all about. Having spent 25 years, as an adult, living on 30 acres of timber, raising fiber goats, sheep, chickens, etc, I also have a tremendous love of the land those trees grew on: not only the trees, but the fungi; the birds; the raccoons, squirrels, & opossums; the endangered turtles; the rare orchids, trillium, & other plants. These individually were separate but together with the micro organisms we cannot see, they formed an ecosystem that nourished and feed each other.

After we left the area due to age, this "paradise" was totally logged - ancient oaks included. It broke my hearts. We did some logging during those 25 years, due mostly to storms & floods. But we did it wisely by thinning and leaving wet areas to absorb the excess water that came occasionally. Do I disagree with logging? Definitely not. But unfortunately the logging community today is focused on getting the maximum amount of money per acre, regardless of the ramifications of what they leave behind, which for the most part is bare sterile land. Sad.

I moved to Oregon, mostly because of the love people here have for their beautiful state. We are dependent on your actions to keep that paradise for our future.

Thanks,
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