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Logging is the quicker, profitable way for what would happen naturally to occur. You'll never convince me that its "better" for anyone but those with a stake in logging companies. I'm ok with it taking an awfully long time. I don't need to be around to see the result. The benfits of logging occur naturally, so other than the time factor, what benefit is there, other than money? Also, when a tree matures and falls, no roads need to be built back to the tree, and no taxpayer dollars need to be spent to cause that tree to fall. Same with a beaver pond that floods, then drains when the dam breaks.

I understand that not all woodlands can, or should, be preserved, but don't try and tell me that logging is better for the health of the ecosystem than what nature will do on it's own. I like to do woodworking, and I know that wood comes from a tree thats been cut down somewhere. I know that to keep any natural areas on a decent scale we need to conserve, not preserve, them but I won't pretend that logging, or drilling, is somehow environmentally preferable to letting it be.

edit: Some other thoughts:
It may seem like I'm splitting hairs here. If logging accomplishes the same thing letting nature will, and it provides a profit, then wheres the downside? The downside is that if we agree that logging is BETTER for our forests than preservation, what reason would there be not to log every inch of forest left in PA, every inch of forest left in the Eastern United States? The entire concept of preservation hinges on that idea that an ecosystem NOT used for logging or drilling is a better ecosystem than the one being used, even if the benefit isn't for many hundreds of years.