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I come from a broken family and a life of abuse. For the last ten years I have been going into our forests, particularly old secondary forests and the rare primary forests where I can find them, and I find peace. When I realized the trees were like a family to me, I could use these woods to feel connection and purpose. These visits have helped me build my confidence and continue to heal, so that now I am becoming more able to volunteer for my community and have been able to take steps towards a more stable future. These trees not only protect me, but they protect you and your neighbors, and future generations. Please don't let them put logging first. We know better and can do better.