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Subject: OT: The Day After Tomorrow

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Tree's don't make much difference until they mature anyways. And that takes about 20-50 years. As for the rainforest and your uh... (resists insulting word) opinion..

Quote:And why do you care so much if it is disappearing? Have you ever been to the rain forest? They suck, a lot.

<http://www.colszoo.org/animalareas/aforest/rainnew.html> <-- Rainforest facts.

Quote:Rainforests are also the richest ecosystems on earth. Scientists estimate that they contain between 50% and 80% of all the Earth's plant and animal species. A typical 4-mile patch of rainforest contains as many as 1,500 species of flowering plants. The rainforest in the South American country of Ecuador has 20,000 kinds of flowering plants. The state of California, a third larger than Ecuador, has only 5,000. And 70% of the plants known to have anti-cancer properties come from the rainforest (National Cancer Institute).

Quote:Environmental concerns: Environmentalists warn of calamity if rainforests are destroyed, Here is a sample of what the side effects of deforestation could be:

It is thought that 25% of the world's species could be lost by the end of this decade. Animals and plants that lived in the rainforests could be lost forever.

Many important resources could be lost. Only a fraction of the vegetation has been tested for medical use. Wild strains of many of the world's staple crops are in danger of being lost.

Natives in the jungle may be displaced, their way of life and culture destroyed.

Greenhouse gases and carbon dioxide contribute to global warming. The burning of rainforest accounts for nearly 30% of the carbon dioxide released in the atmosphere. This could increase.

Changes may occur in rainfall and air circulation and radiation from the sun may be greatly increased.