

Timber: Trump likely won't bring new mills to Oregon

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long-standing key environmental laws. Enforcement of that law and the National Environmental Policy Act were key in the late 1980s and early 1990s to halting the intensive, widespread logging that had prevailed for decades on federal forests in western Oregon, western Washington and Northern California.

The Northwest Forest Plan, implemented by the Clinton administration in 1994, has severely restricted logging on federal lands in the region ever since.

But undoing the Northwest Forest Plan and rolling back environmental laws are not necessarily easy tasks — even with a Republican in the White House and a GOP-controlled House and Senate.

'Cautiously optimistic'

Timber interests in Oregon welcome Trump as president.

"We're cautiously optimistic it's going to present some opportunities for us to put people back to work in rural communities and certainly to improve the health of our forest," said Jim Geisinger, executive vice president of the Associated Oregon Loggers. "For the last two decades, we've just seen too many catastrophic wildfires, too many mills close, too many rural communities fall apart socially and economically, and I think this will be an opportunity to restore some of that."

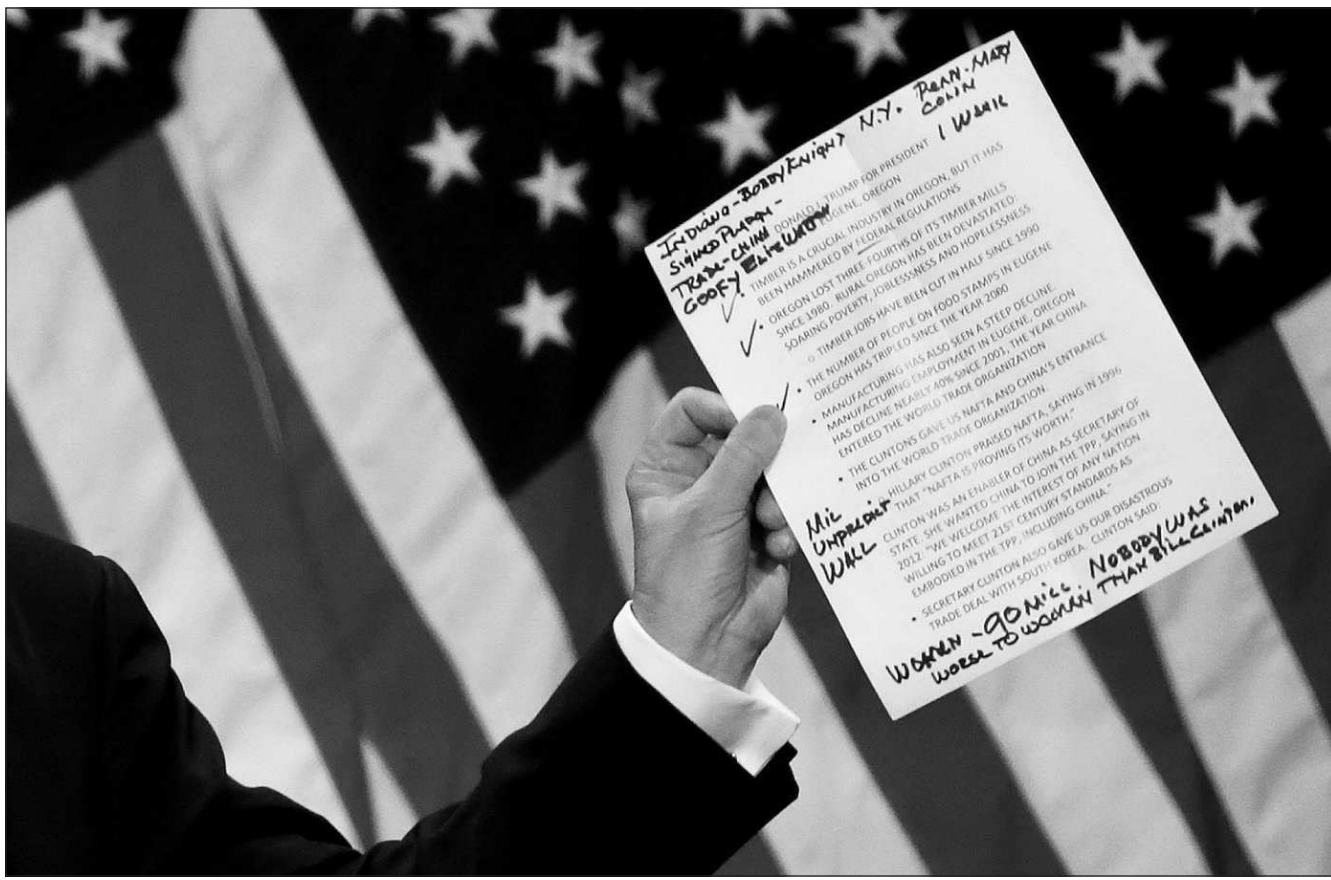
The Salem-based trade association represents 1,000 logging companies in Oregon.

For 40 years, Geisinger has been a voice for logging in the state, traveling to Washington, D.C., to speak about how federal policies affect the industry.

Cause for concern

The worry among environmental groups contrasts the optimism of timber interests in regards to how Trump and the officials he appoints will manage public forests.

Possibilities for agriculture secretary, who oversees the U.S. Forest Service, include Texas Agriculture Secretary Sid Miller, and possibilities for interior secretary, who oversees the Bureau of Land Management, include former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin and Lucas Oil co-founder Forrest Lucas, according to news reports. All of them lean toward resource extraction rather than preservation.



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump holds up a sheet of talking points and notes as he speaks during a rally in Eugene in the spring. He read statistics about Oregon, with timber topping the list.

Federal forests in western Oregon are split between the Forest Service and the BLM.

"We don't think Trump has a mandate to weaken environmental protections or return to old-growth clearcutting on public lands," Arran Robertson, spokesman for Oregon Wild, wrote in an email. The Portland-based nonprofit group advocates for old-growth protection.

"Clearly, those were not major issues in the presidential campaign," he wrote. "However, there are certainly folks in the logging industry who feel the time is ripe to repeal the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, etc. ... and prioritize their interests in public lands over other values (like tourism and recreation, clean drinking water and wildlife)."

For decades, environmental groups brought and won lawsuits based on the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and other environmental laws.

"Everything appears to be on the table at this point," said Josh Laughlin, executive director of environmental group Cascadia Wildlands in Eugene. "I would like to think that the decades of progress that have been made, in terms of safeguarding the values that these unique landscapes in the Northwest and that the laws pro-



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Protesters hold up signs in protest of a visit by Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump in Eugene in May.

vide, will be upheld through the power of the people."

Oregon's delegation

Both senators and four out of five Oregon congressmen are Democrats. U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, R-Hood River, is the lone Republican representing Oregon.

Some in the past have carefully calibrated their positions, calling for more logging on federal lands, but also increased environmental protections — two seemingly contradictory goals.

"Sen. (Ron) Wyden will continue to stand up for clean air and clean water, will keep working to find real solutions to bring jobs back to rural areas and continue fighting to protect Oregon's and the nation's treasured public lands," Keith Chu,

a spokesman for the Oregon Democrat, wrote in an email.

Resistance in Congress could be enough to stop changes to environmental laws, Travis Joseph, president of the American Forest Resource Council, wrote in an email.

The Portland-based association advocates for sustained-yield timber harvests in public forests.

"Even under Republican control, it's difficult to imagine Congress will make major revisions or changes to (the) ESA or the Clean Water Act," he wrote. "Those changes would take 60 votes in the Senate, and those votes aren't there. However, federal timber harvests can be meaningfully increased in a manner that is entirely consistent with the ESA and Clean Water Act."

The GOP held onto its slim majority in the Senate in last week's election. Republicans have 51 out of the 100 seats and may win one more in a December run-off in Louisiana. Democrats have 46 seats, and independents hold two.

Trump talks timber

During his May visit, Trump read to the audience at the Lane Events Center facts his statisticians compiled for him about Oregon. Timber topped the list.

"Timber is a crucial industry but it has been hammered by — oh, why are we surprised? — by federal regulations, right?" Trump said. "Oregon lost three-fourths of its timber mills since 1980. Is that possible? Three-fourths? That is a lot of timber mills, right?"

Since then, Trump has provided no specifics about how he would change regulations.

Protection of the northern spotted owl — which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act in 1990 — and old-growth timber contributed to the timber industry's drastic decline in Oregon.

Ruling in a lawsuit brought by environmental groups, a federal judge halted most logging on federal lands west of the Cascades summit. Then, the federal government put the Northwest Forest Plan in place to protect the owl and other

wildlife, prioritizing preservation of old-growth forests on which the owl relies.

The plan also, on paper, allows for considerable logging, but those logging levels have never been met because of the environmental damage they were expected to cause. That has prompted increased criticism of the Northwest Forest Plan.

Experts differ on how much harm the federal logging cutbacks did to timber employment. Some studies found that jobs were lost because of mill automation not environmental rules.

Federal officials have begun to consider revisions to the Northwest Forest Plan, Geisinger said. "It's antiquated," he said of the plan.

Facts 'incomplete'

Trump's choices for public-lands posts will lead that revision.

"It's too early to tell what a Trump administration will look like, who will serve in key positions and what the priorities will be," wrote Joseph of the American Forest Resource Council. "But the Northwest Forest Plan is already being revised by the Forest Service, and the Trump administration will play a significant role in the development of a new plan."

The numbers Trump used about timber when he visited Oregon — three-fourths of the mills closed since the 1980s and half of the timber jobs cut since 1990 — are reasonably correct, "but they are incomplete," said Ernie Neimi of Natural Resource Economics in Eugene.

For decades, Neimi has followed the timber economy in Oregon. He said the state used to have many more smaller mills. As the industry moved to larger mills and more automation, the number of mills and jobs dropped.

Even if Trump, his Cabinet and lawmakers change federal forest regulations, Geisinger said he doesn't expect to see new mills opening around Oregon.

Instead, he said timber companies would likely first add shifts and then upgrade their existing mills if the federal government allows more harvest on public lands. It typically costs millions of dollars to build and equip a new mill.

"People are not going to make that investment with a veiled promise that the timber is going to be there," he said.

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TV LISTINGS

Evening listings THURSDAY

| THURSDAY EVENING | | | | | | | | | | | NOVEMBER 17 | | |
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| A | L | 6 PM | 6:30 | 7 PM | 7:30 | 8 PM | 8:30 | 9 PM | 9:30 | 10 PM | 10:30 | 11 PM | 11:30 |
| 2 | KATU | (2) KATU News at 6 | | Jeopardy! | Wheel of Fortune | Grey's "You Haven't Done Nothin'" (N) | Notorious "Choice" (N) | Notorious "Choice" (N) | Away With Murder "Who's Dead" (N) | KATU News at 11 | (35) Jimmy Kimmel | | |
| 3 | KOMO | (4) KOMO 4 News | | Jeopardy! | Wheel of Fortune | Grey's "You Haven't Done Nothin'" (N) | Notorious "Choice" (N) | Notorious "Choice" (N) | Away With Murder "Who's Dead" (N) | KOMO 4 News | (35) Jimmy Kimmel | | |
| 5 | KING | (5) (5:20) NFL Football New Orleans Saints at Carolina Panthers Site: Bank of America Stadium (L) | | Jeopardy! | Wheel of Fortune | Grey's "You Haven't Done Nothin'" (N) | Notorious "Choice" (N) | Notorious "Choice" (N) | Away With Murder "Who's Dead" (N) | KING 5 News | (35) Tonight Show | | |
| 6 | KOIN | (7) KOIN Local 6 at 6 | CBS Evening News | Extra | Ent. Tonight | The Big Bang (N) | Great Indoors (N) | Mom (N) | Life in Pieces (N) | Pure Genius (N) | KOIN 6 News @ 11 | (35) S. Colbert | |
| 7 | KIRO | (7) KIRO 7 News | CBS Evening News | The Insider | Ent. Tonight | The Big Bang (N) | Great Indoors (N) | Mom (N) | Life in Pieces (N) | Pure Genius (N) | KIRO News | (35) S. Colbert | |
| 8 | KGW | (3) (5:20) NFL Football New Orleans Saints at Carolina Panthers Site: Bank of America Stadium (L) | | Jeopardy! | Wheel of Fortune | Grey's "You Haven't Done Nothin'" (N) | Notorious "Choice" (N) | Notorious "Choice" (N) | Away With Murder "Who's Dead" (N) | KGW News at 10 | Two and a Half | Two and a Half | Met Your Mother |
| 9 | KRCW | (3) Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing | Modern Family | Modern Family | LegendTomor. "Outlaw Country" (N) | Supernatural (N) | Supernatural (N) | Supernatural (N) | KGW News at 10 | Two and a Half | Two and a Half | Met Your Mother |
| 10 | KOPB | (10) Travels Darley | Business (N) | PBS NewsHour | PBS NewsHour | Oregon Art Beat | Oregon Guide | Hinterland "Devil's Bridge" Pt. 1 of 2 | Soundbreaking "Going Electric" (N) | Masterpiece "The Durrells in Corfu" | Masterpiece "The Durrells in Corfu" | Masterpiece "The Durrells in Corfu" | Masterpiece "The Durrells in Corfu" |
| 12 | KPTV | (12) 6 O'Clock News | | Family Feud | Family Feud | Rosewood (N) | Pitch (N) | Pitch (N) | 10 O'Clock News | 11 O'Clock News | 11 O'Clock News | 2 Broke Girls | |
| 13 | KPDx | (13) Mike & Molly | Mike & Molly | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV | FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV | FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV | Family Guy | Family Guy | Family Guy | Cleveland Show | |
| 14 | KCPQ | (14) Modern Family | Modern Family | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Rosewood (N) | Pitch (N) | Pitch (N) | Q13 News at 10 | Q13 News at 10 | Q13 News | The Simpsons | |
| 20 | TBS | (20) Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | 2 Broke Girls | 2 Broke Girls | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Conan (N) | |
| 22 | KZJL | (22) Two and a Half | Two and a Half | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing | Modern Family | Modern Family | Q13 News at 9 | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Friends | Friends |
| 29 | ESPN | (29) (5:00) NCAA Football Louisville at Houston (L) | | SportsCenter | SportsCenter | SportsCenter | SportsCenter | SportsCenter | SportsCenter | SportsCenter | SportsCenter | SportsCenter | SportsCenter |
| 30 | ESPN2 | (30) Basketball Score | NCAA Basketball 2K Classic Michigan vs. Marquette (L) | | | World of Sports | World of Sports | Drone Racing "Sport of the Future" | Jalen & Jacoby (N) | 30 for 30 "The Price of Gold" | 30 for 30 "The Price of Gold" | 30 for 30 "The Price of Gold" | 30 for 30 "The Price of Gold" |
| 31 | NICK | (31) Henry Danger | Henry Danger | Paradise Run (N) | The Thundermans | ★ Marmaduke (2010, Family) Emma Stone, George Lopez, Owen Wilson. | Full House | Full House | Full House | Full House | Full House | Friends | Friends Pt. 1 of 2 |
| 32 | DISN | (32) MECH-X4 "Let's Call It MECH-X4!" | Adventures in Babysitting ('16) Sabrina Carpenter. | (45) Milo Law (N) | Bunk'd | Girl Meets World | The Lodge | Bizaardvark | Walk the Prank | K.C. Undercover | The 700 Club | The 700 Club | The 700 Club |
| 34 | FAM | (34) (4:30) ★★ The Hunger Games ('12) Jennifer Lawrence. | ★★★ The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2013, Drama) Josh Hutcherson, Donald Sutherland, Jennifer Lawrence. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | FMC | (35) (5:00) xXx (2002, Action) Vin Diesel. | (20) That's My Boy (2012, Comedy) Andy Samberg, Leighton Meester, Adam Sandler. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 36 | LIFE | (36) Runway "Welcome to the Urban Jungle" | Project Runway "Project Pop Up" | Project Runway | Project Runway | Project Runway "A Power Trip" (N) | Project Runway | Project Runway | Project Runway | Project Runway | Project Runway | Project Runway | Project Runway |
| 38 | ROOT | (38) NPGL Fitness Miami Surge vs. Los Angeles Reign | | Champions Tennis | Champions Tennis | Champions Tennis | Champions Tennis | Champions Tennis | Champions Tennis | Champions Tennis | Champions Tennis | Champions Tennis | Champions Tennis |
| 39 | FST | (39) (5:30) NCAA Basketball Rutgers vs. DePaul (L) | | Fox College Hoops | Fox Sports Live | TMZ Sports (N) | Speak for Yourself | Speak for Yourself | Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day. | Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day. | Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day. | Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day. | Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day. |
| 43 | SPIKE | (43) Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops |
| 44 | COM | (44) Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | South Park | South Park | Tosh.0 | Tosh.0 | Tosh.0 | Tosh.0 | The Daily Show (N) @midnight (N) | |
| 45 | HIST | (45) Counting Cars | Counting Cars | Counting Cars | Counting Cars | Counting Cars | Counting Cars | Counting Cars | Counting Cars | Counting Cars | Counting Cars | Counting Cars | Counting Cars |
| 46 | A&E | (46) The First 48 | The First 48 | The First 48 "M.I.A." | The First 48 "Snapshot" | 60 Days In (N) | 60 Days In (N) | The First 48 | The First 48 | The First 48 | The First 48 | (05) The First 48: Love Kills | |
| 47 | TLC | (47) Say Yes-Dress | Say Yes-Dress | Unichef (N) | My 600-lb Life "Gideon's Story" | My 600-lb Life "Olivia's Story" | My 600-lb Life "Olivia's Story" | My 600-lb Life: Now "Olivia" | My 600-lb Life: Now "Olivia" | My 600-lb Life: Now "Olivia" | My 600-lb Life: Now "Olivia" | My 600-lb Life: Now "Olivia" | My 600-lb Life: Now "Olivia" |
| 48 | DISC | (48) Diesel Brothers "Tows Before Brvs ..." | Outlaws "Ready, Set, Crow..." (N) | Street Outlaws | Street Outlaws | Street Outlaws "It's a Promod Party" | Street Outlaws | Street Outlaws | Street Outlaws | Street Outlaws | Street Outlaws | Street Outlaws | Street Outlaws |
| 49 | NGEO | (49) Lion Army: Battle to Survive | Fight for Life "Lion Pride Takeover" | The Last Lions | The Last Lions | The Last Lions | The Last Lions | The Last Lions | The Last Lions | The Last Lions | The Last Lions | The Last Lions | The Last Lions |
| 50 | TNT | (50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Philadelphia vs Minnesota (L) | | NBA Basketball | Chicago Bulls at Utah Jazz Site: Vivint Smart Home Arena -- Salt Lake City, Utah (L) | Inside the NBA | Inside the NBA | Inside the NBA | Inside the NBA | Inside the NBA | Inside the NBA | Inside the NBA | Inside the NBA |
| 51 | AMC | (51) (5:00) ★★ Batman Begins ('05, Act) Michael Caine, Liam Neeson, Christian Bale. | ★★★ The Matrix (1999, Action) Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss, Keanu Reeves. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 52 | USA | (52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Beautiful Frame" | Law & Order: S.V.U. "Secrets Exhumed" | Law&Order: SVU "Community Policing" | Law&Order: SVU "Maternal Instincts" | Falling Water "The Swirl" (N) | Falling Water "The Swirl" (N) | Beat Bobby Flay | Beat Bobby Flay | Beat Bobby Flay | Beat Bobby Flay | Beat Bobby Flay | Beat Bobby Flay |
| 53 | FOOD | (53) Chopped "Chopped: College" | Chopped "Offal Surprise" | Chopped "Cheap Eats" | Chopped "Battle of the Butchers" (N) | House Hunters (N) | House Hunters (N) | House Hunters (N) | House Hunters (N) | House Hunters (N) | House Hunters (N) | House Hunters (N) | House Hunters (N) |
| 54 | HGTV | (54) Flip or Flop | Flip or Flop | Flip or Flop | Flip or Flop | Flip or Flop | Flip or Flop | Flip or Flop | Flip or Flop | Flip or Flop | Flip or Flop | Flip or Flop | Flip or Flop |
| 56 | FX | (56) ★★ Guardians of the Galaxy ('14, Adv) Zoe Saldana, Lee Pace, Chris Pratt. | ★★★ The Heat (2013, Comedy) Melissa McCarthy, Michael McDonald, Sandra Bullock. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 57 | CNN | (57) Anderson Cooper 360 | CNN Tonight With Don Lemon | CNN Tonight With Don Lemon | CNN Tonight With Don Lemon | Anderson Cooper 360 | Anderson Cooper 360 | Anderson Cooper 360 | Anderson Cooper 360 | Anderson Cooper 360 | Anderson Cooper 360 | Anderson Cooper 360 | Anderson Cooper 360 |
| 58 | FNC | (58) The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly | Hannity | The O'Reilly Factor | The O'Reilly Factor | The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly | The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly | Hannity | Hannity | Hannity | Hannity | Hannity | Hannity |
| 61 | CNBC | (61) Shark Tank | Millionaire "Weekend Warriors" (N) | Shark Tank | Shark Tank | Millionaire "Weekend Warriors" | Millionaire "Weekend Warriors" | Millionaire "Weekend Warriors" | Millionaire "Weekend Warriors" | Millionaire "Weekend Warriors" | Millionaire "Weekend Warriors" | Millionaire "Weekend Warriors" | Millionaire "Weekend Warriors" |
| 63 | BRAV | (63) Million Dollar List "Back on Market" | Mill Listing "Montcalm and Carry On" | Million Dollar Listing "White Wedding Day" | Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles (N) | Yours Mine (N) | Yours Mine (SF) (N) | WatchWhat (N) | Million Dollar List | Million Dollar List | Million Dollar List | Million Dollar List | Million Dollar List |
| 64 | TCM | (64) (5:00) The Lady Eve | (45) ★★ Blonde Crazy ('31) Joan Blondell, James Cagney. | (15) ★★ Trouble in Paradise ('32) Herbert Marshall. | (45) ★★ The Young in Heart ('38) Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Janet Gaynor. | | | | | | | | |
| 65 | SYFY | (65) (3:00) 2012 ('09) | Oculus (2014, Horror) Katee Sackhoff, Brenton Thwaites, Karen Gillan. | Annabelle (2014, Horror) Alfre Woodard, Eric Ladin, Annabelle Wallis. | Annabelle (2014, Horror) Alfre Woodard, Eric Ladin, Annabelle Wallis. | 400 Days ('15) | 400 Days ('15) | 400 Days ('15) | 400 Days ('15) | 400 Days ('15) | 400 Days ('15) | 400 Days ('15) | 400 Days ('15) |
| 162 | RFD | (162) SF Machinery | Small Town | Rural America "Live" "AARP Live" | Steve Lantvit | Rural Eve. News | Market Journal | IGA Farm Monitor | SF Machinery | Small Town | Time Life Library | Time Life Library | Time Life Library |

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