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My submission is about the devastation I have seen while working. My position as a crew member in a natural resources management company has seen me travel around the Yarra Ranges area and out to the Mt Baw Baw region. I have seen multiple areas destroyed by logging. One site we work on there was a logging coupe near the top. I climb this coupe and counted at least a dozen more visible, most still with very little growth on them. On the drive to Baw Baw, and the roads surrounding, I came across many logging coupes scarring the landscape. Only a couple in any stage of regrowth, and this was simply trees growing close together, no undergrowth or colonisation plants. Seeing this was upsetting, more so seeing as there was supposed to be a halt on old growth logging. The trees surrounding these areas were old and show that they are still practising old growth destruction.

A little side note is that it is disturbing to see that salvage logging has been taking place in the areas burnt by last summers fires.

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