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Cover photograph: Fungi, especially those that form symbioses with tree roots, are particularly vulnerable to logging. Variable retention harvesting is a management practice that can moderate the effects of logging on fungi by retaining a portion of the preharvest stand. Pictured is a regenerating stand in coastal British Columbia 6 years after variable retention harvesting. Here, variable retention moderated the effects of logging on fungal communities decomposing fine roots (a dominant carbon input in forest soils). However, after 13 years, fungal communities in regenerating stands could not be differentiated from those in uncut forests, indicating resilience among this group of decomposers. (See related article at e02061-17.) (Copyright © 2018 American Society for Microbiology. All Rights Reserved.)

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