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Comments: We must protect remaining old-growth forests and allow mature forests to age into old-growth to address two key environmental crises in the U. S.; biodiversity (species extinction) and climate change.

This is an opportunity to create the most significant federal land protection policy we have seen in more than two decades. We should not be selling old-growth trees on public lands. There is good science available to manage these forests effectively without selling those trees.

I am concerned that the management of our national forests has not always reflected their actual values: clean air and drinking water, species habitat, space for cultural practices, outdoor recreation and tourism. As someone who grew up playing in and loving the outdoors for many reasons, I urge you to consider how your management actions will impact the ecosystem for generations to come. I want my great-great grandchildren to be able to experience some of the amazing hikes in mature and old-growth forests that I have been able to enjoy here in Oregon and throughout the U.S.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

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