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Comments: My experiences with Forest Fires and forest management began in 1959 where I worked as a Smoke Chaser out of Fenn Ranger Station on the Nezperce. Over the next 60 yrs I worked as a field forester, Forest Manager and Corporate Executive engaged in Managing forest Lands . I have personal experiences dealing with Forest Fires and Forest Management on Forest Service Lands.

Old Growth Forests cannot be "preserved" . Forests are everchanging organisms. Choosing not to "manage" old growth is choosing to defer to predictable biological and environmental processes which can lead to outcomes exactly opposite of desired goals- as documented in the attached files.

The fire regimes of Chelan County from the 60s through the 90s , as I experienced them , show much the same patterns as outlined by Dr. Zybach for the Oregon Wildfires.

Appropriately designed controlled burns , thinning and timber harvests on landscape scales are essential to the "preservation of "old growth" and wildlife habitats.