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Comments: Good evening,

My name is Meghan and I am a resident of Myrtle Creek, Oregon. As an avid hiker, I spend much of my time out in Oregon's beautiful national forests. Protecting this place I call home is everything, particularly the Old Growth forests. From them I have learned so much about Oregon's ecology and have come to understand just how vital these lands are to the plants and animals we share this world with.

Please consider Alternative 3, which would allow the most protections to these Old Growths. The timber industry should move to more sustainable alternatives, such as bamboo, rather than destroying trees that have been here longer than we have. I am 29 years old and have seen so much destruction of our natural world already[hellip] I don't want to continue growing up in a world without these important trees. Please, for the sake of me and younger generations, consider protecting the Old Growths so that we can continue to enjoy them for many years to come.

Thank you

ATTACHMENT: IMG_4850.jpeg - photo of a bedrock cliff with chain-link fence in front of a large tree with a dog in the background

ATTACHMENT: IMG_4684.jpeg - Photo of a bedrock waterfall in a forest

ATTACHMENT: IMG_4455.jpeg - photo of woman standing on a stump in a coniferous forest