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RE: E0 14072

Dear Chief Moore,

I have lived in Oregon most of my life. My family settled in Oregon in 1963 and I now live in Portland, Oregon. As a child, I hiked and camped with my family all over Oregon. As an adult I have backpacked in the Broken Top and Wallowa Mountains areas. My husband and I have tent and van-camped all over this beautiful state and country.

My father has a twenty-four acre parcel of land of second growth trees in the Mary's Peak Watershed. He has cut his forest sustainably for forty years. I have watched his Douglas Fir trees grow in height and breadth. He made a conscientious decision to harvest the smaller trees in order to let the remainder of the trees flourish. His goal has been to create an old growth forest.

I would like to see the USFS do something similar to protect our public standing old-growth forests. Logging old-growth trees to save stands from potential threats is a poor solution since the trees are worth more standing.

Please:

- * End all logging of old-growth trees in National Forests.
- * Eliminate the economic incentive for logging old-growth.
- * Set the stage for durable protections for mature trees and stands.
- * Protect forests and trees from the threat of commercial logging in order to recover old-growth that has been lost to past mismanagement.
- * Protect older trees and forests to increase forest resilience to wildfires. This would combat climate-change related impacts such as flooding and drought.

This is an important time in our history. America needs meaningful conservation policies. The USFS has an opportunity to make a big difference in the health of our forests, our biodiversity, our watersheds, and our lives. Please do all you can to close loopholes and protect old-growth forests across our magnificent country.

Thank you for all the work you do.

Sincerely,

Diane B. Ingle

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