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Comments: We are in a climate crisis and there is no reason the USFS is should be doing anything other than preserving old-growth forests to exist in perpetuity as bastions of plant and animal biodiversity as well as carbon capturing sinks to help mitigate climate change. It's long past overdue that we stop obsessing about the economic value of the timber in these remnant ancient forests.

I support absolute discretion in the USFS managing old growth forests - these need to be viewed as existential resources, not economic resources, from now on. The idea of timber production must be de-coupled from old growth forests if they are to continue to support the level of biodiversity that currently have while also fighting climate change as carbon sinks.

I've attached the Coast Range Associations comments for reference - I fully support these comments and this organization's standing on old growth management, specifically in the North Oregon Coast Range region where I live.

Thank you,

Spencer Kroll

Attachment - Coast-Range-Association-Comments-Old-growth-DEIS-2.pdf is the letter text of letter 3030 from the Coast Range Association which is coded for that letter.