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Comments: To Forest Service:

Protecting mature and old growth forests is the most straight forward, impactful and cost effective way to fight climate change. They are imperative for watershed health, critical wildlife habitat and are more resilient to wildfire, and crucial to absorbing and storing tons of carbon.

Many such forests are still a target for logging on NF lands here in Oregon as in Willamette NF at the headwaters of the McKenzie River, Rosenberg District BLM, Malheur NF and the Fremont-Winema NF.

In addition to the environmental benefits of Old Growth Forests, there are humanitarian considerations. In a world filled with technology, humans need physical contact with the beauty of nature. Old Growth Forest fill our souls and make us more "human" and better equipped to manage the demands of our world. We become stronger and healthier and more resilient. This is the kind of population we need to help sustain a healthy world.

I hike on NF lands throughout the year. The love I have for these trails is the best medicine both physically and emotionally I could ever ask for. Please protect these precious places. Once gone, oh, I cannot even think about it. It's too painful.

Thank you,

Maxine Schwartz

ATTACHMENT-FIGURE/PICTURE: IMG_5867.jpeg; Photograph of ski tracks through snow-covered forest

ATTACHMENT-FIGURE/PICTURE: IMG_5532.jpeg; Photograph of a wooden sign for destinations in a snow-covered forest

ATTACHMENT-FIGURE/PICTURE: IMG_5401.jpeg; Photograph of a wooden sign that says "Barlow Road Wagon Trail" in a snow-covered forest

ATTACHMENT-FIGURE/PICTURE: IMG_5399.jpeg; Photograph of sunrays from behind a tree and snow-covered landscape with figure

ATTACHMENT-FIGURE/PICTURE: IMG_5355.jpeg; Screenshot of from phone with a dog and time 4:44

ATTACHMENT-FIGURE/PICTURE: IMG_5356.jpeg; Screenshot of from phone with a dog and time 5:55

ATTACHMENT-FIGURE/PICTURE: IMG_5294.jpeg; Photograph of show/clouds blowing around the top of a mountain