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Comments: It is in the manner of a humble, heartfelt, and fervent plea that I address you now. You may not be aware through the barrage of more clamorous distractions, but there has been a tremendous amount of activity in Oregon's forests. Indeed it is hard to imagine an increase except to negate the stealth of action.

Across the state, in every nook and cranny, trees are being removed quickly, secretly sequestered, and seen piling up at the old growth mill and along docks to be loaded onto ships. This are not the sticks of past years, but indeed whole life systems of the likes I have not seen since my youth.

The forests, I regret to inform you have become but a few old trees surrounded by a scrappy mess. It is important to understand that with each remaining tree or pocket of trees there is still support for countless multitudes of beings dwelling and visiting the trees and surrounding woods creating their own miracles of life, sending cool, calming waves of well- being out into the world.

These few older trees are heavily depended upon to sustain the entire landscape and to be perfectly honest, life as we know it and our own fragile existence.

Each tree holds billions of lives and holds together an ever more fragile network that depends upon them to sustain life into the future. I am not just talking about the cascade of mass extinction, but of the essence of life itself. Why would anyone disturb this?

The scrappy trees burn, the older, sturdier, moisture holding grandfathers do not and they are not not replaceable. The surrounding forest floor, thick with diversity, is soft with moisture like a sponge. Without this sponge, there is only snow melt, run off, erosion and drought.

These trees are vulnerable and in need of protection. They need not bear the brunt of a political will to cleanse the land of past harms, or present blames of threats of fire caused by man. They need not be left vulnerable to reactionary excuse to steal them away from their life giving roles, the majesty, or miracle of their very existence. Killing in the name of unabashed greed to serve the most minute fraction a tiny, fleeting, reward in their misdeed at the very time these lone heroic bastions of life are needed most to shelter us from our own folly is an absurdity, a mistake that simply cannot be allowed. Please help quickly. Action must swiftly put a stop to this assault on this precious gift of life. For through the opening given in 2020 single trees are being taken from protected forests, in roads, and private lands alike. It is hard to imagine what increase would occur or what imagined bounty might be obtained. The idea seems delusional folly. Please correct this situation immediately before more harm is done.

Thank You,  
Most Sincerely,  
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