Data Submitted (UTC 11): 2/21/2021 1:12:13 AM
First name: Gregory
Last name: Johnson
Organization:
Title:
Comments: I have lived my entire life 72 years, in the NW, Vancouver, WA and Estacada=40 years. I had to evacuate my house due to the Riverside fire, no damage fortunately. I am very interested/concerned about the treatment, cleanup, reforestation etc. of the extensive damage to my area and the State in general. Forests should not be viewed as tree farms but semi permanent habitat for various animals, fish, birds etc. In clearing/ rehabilitating an area special attention needs to be paid to how much ground is disrupted so not to increase land slides, damage natural plants etc. New Trees need to be planted at least 10 feet apart and it needs to be mixture of different kinds of trees not just firs, Again it is not a tree farm it is a habitat. Do not spray herbicides on the ground. They kill nature plants and can and will leach into the soil and migrate into the streams and rivers killing the fish and other equatic life. If the area needs to be worked on to keep the seedlings viable etc. we need to have people go in to do the thinning/ weeding. Yes it could raise the cost but it will be better for the environment. Fast growing healthy trees absorb and store huge amount of carbon dioxide cleaning the air. We need to look at atleast a 50 years rotation of tree harvest and/or look at selective thinning or don't cut at all to help curtail global warming. Again they are not tree farms. We need to dramatically increase recycling of various paper products to cut down on the need to cut down trees. We need to be mining landfills for materials to be converted into needed products. With a New President we have an opportunity to reshape forest policy to benefit humans as well as the critters that live in the woods. Not every good tree is not a cut down tree!! The other elephant in the room is there are too many people. We should organize a world birth control program which will over time make life better for all humans and for the animals and fish etc. as well as cap and reduce global warming. Feel free to contact me.