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Comments: Protecting old growth forests is an investment in our future. They are an ecological resource essential for combatting climate change, and they are an important piece of our heritage. Once they are lost, they are gone for good, and future generations will have lost a part of our culture. I am contacting you to advocate for ecologically driven land management on Mt. Hood National Forest and to address my concerns with the Grasshopper Project.

I disagree with any portion of this project that would result in long term detrimental effects to Northern Spotted Owl. Past timber harvest on federal land has reduced the amount of suitable habitat on the landscape and this project contributes to this trend with the removal of 267 acres of suitable northern spotted owl habitat under alternative two. Additionally, the affected stand is already under threat due to climate change and may be lost indefinitely if alternative two is chosen.

I'm asking you to act locally to mitigating the global climate crisis. Not only are old growth parts of the project area in direct risk due to climate predictions they also provide the highest rates of carbon sequestration. I'm asking you to consider how the Mt. Hood National Forest could account for carbon conservation at the forest level and the project level.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Grasshopper Project. I urge you to continue to have meaningful public engagement on this project.

Signed,
Kenneth Olson