Data Submitted (UTC 11): 8/16/2022 5:43:46 PM First name: Nick Last name: Joslin Organization: Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center Title: Forest and Watershed Watch Program Manager Comments: The failure to protect old growth forests represents one of the greatest errors that our resource managers have made.

Old growth forests represent the greatest carbon dioxide capturing ecosystems that we know.

Future management strategies should focus on preserving ALL old growth forests and move away from 40-60 year harvest cycles. We should be focusing on growing old, large trees, not chopping down 40-60 year old forests before they have begun to become important to carbon sequestration.