Data Submitted (UTC 11): 8/25/2022 12:38:36 PM First name: Martin Last name: Schoen Organization: Title: Comments: Hello,

Mature and old trees such as the giants in Black Ram are better than young trees at storing carbon, and continue to become better at a far faster rate than do the smaller, younger trees.

Therefore, old and mature trees at Black Ram are worth more standing!

I request you stop using our taxpayer money in the distant wild ancient backcountry such as Black Ram. Public lands contribute only 3% to the domestic timber supply and none of it need be from old growth and mature forests-the next wave of old growth. And what mill would want to source timber from old growth anyway?

Thank you!