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Comments: I was surprised regarding the request for ideas on how to identify large trees as well as old growth forests. I would think that your agencies have the time and expertise to do this. I have graduate degrees in forestry and botany/entomology and though I am retired I spend 3-4 days a week on nearby public lands as a volunteer for the Oregon Bee Atlas for the past 5 years. I have witnessed what I believe is a significant decline in the number of native bees especially this year. As you are aware we have experienced numerous large scale wildfires in this region which has greatly reduced the forest cover you say you are concerned about. So when taking the road from Williams, OR up to the Oregon Caves NM, I was shocked and dismayed to encounter a new large clear cut. Given the prolonged periods of extremely hot, dry weather which have become the norm in SW Oregon, I seriously doubt that this area will ever recover. With the fire frequency here I believe that salvaged timber should provide adequate timber to industry. So, outside of actions to reduce the probability of fire. I believe that timber sales of 'green' stands should cease, period. Given the role of trees in absorbing CO2 it is imperative that we stop logging living stands