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Comments: As a 58 year forest dweller in the Lower McKenzie Valley of the Oregon Western Cascades, having experienced the affects of climate change on my forested 40 acre landscape, i strongly recommend that the US Forest old growth landscapes be managed to sequester carbon and forest biodiversity. While the globe is experiencing extreme day and night-time temperatures, loss of soil moisture, heat waves, and destructive droughts, federal old growth forest landscapes are fundamental for our resilient response to the US climate crisis. Given the IPCC recent reports and air pollution levels throughout the US, it is imperative that the US Forest Service protect the unique carbon sequestration of its old growth forestry landscapes immediately. The US Federal Service management decisions on old growth forestry, made in the next 1-3 years, will help shape the viability of humans, species meritocracy and biodiversity for millennia to come. Now is the time to protect old growth forestry for America. Due your ecologically intelligent responsibility, your moral imperative and your fiduciary mandate in preserving US Federal lands of old growth forest.