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Comments: I am writing to urge you to take action to protect all old-growth forests and trees on the land that constitutes the United States of America. These trees are large contributors to carbon sequestering, something we need to be increasing in order to combat the very real and devastating effects of climate change. I live on the west coast, where we have been seeing more and larger and more destructive wildfires over the last decade. In those fires we are losing a lot of forest areas. The large old-growth trees we do still have are more resistant to fire than the smaller trees that are younger.

Old-growth forests are also large contributors to the spiritual well-being of all Americans. The experience of awe in nature is essential to a very healthy knowing of our place in the world. We are not just producers and consumers. We are an integral part of the web of life. Without that knowing, we are in danger of destroying the very planet that supports and nurtures us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours, A Concerned Oregonian