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Comments: Having grown up in the Northwest (born 1956), I have explored and lived in the forestal of my youth. I moved away for 35 years and returned home in 2015. From the time We have been back 7 years, we have had decastating smoke and fires, including the towns of Talent and Phoenix burning. With so much vast acreage burning every single year, forests that were here long before us, are now ashes. This is unprecedented! We need to preserve EVERY bit of our Natural Boreal forests, rather than, as some of our politicians see whats left as a Natural resource or crop. (no thank you Cliff Bentz!). If we take no action BLM may continue to auction off our forests to high bidders, who strip the land...our laws are not stringent for preservation and clearcutting is STILL LEGAL. the devastation brought on by man, and these catastrophic fires are stripping our landscape and it is just going tocreate even more dry heat, which will create a desert environment. The old growth, whats left of it, are some of the trees that are more fire resistant as their trunks are thicker ans they are the trees we count on to reseed the forests after a burn! Please pass laws that will protect our boreal forests and the remailing wildlife which inhabit them! Thank you!