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Comments: Thank you for your action in preserving and maintaining the nation's old growth forests. Healthy old growth forests and healthy diverse mature forests are integral to the health of our country. They aid in clean air, clean water, and a balanced ecosystem which impacts our health and society in several ways. The preservation and proper maintenance of these forests is key to preserving wildlife as well as maintaining a healthy balance of insects and other forms of life. They also aid in a better quality of life and enrichment as a whole.

Also, as an Oregonian, I have seen that proper forest maintenance can mean the difference between a forest fire that can recover naturally and an even worse forest fire that destroys more than it should. Healthy old growth forests are key. Please consider also extending this to recovering healthy mature forests to be more diverse and maintained.

Thank you for your time.