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I appreciate making comments on this proposed amendment to 128 national forest land management plans.

I have managed forests for the last 47 years in Oregon, and have seen the protection boundaries that have been placed around various categories of mature trees. None have worked, especially when it comes to fire, insects and disease.

Your proposal to amend 128 Land Management Plans through a single EIS makes no sense what so ever. Each Forest is different and requires input from locals that know the variation of each Forest.

The term Old Growth refers to so many things, and should be revised to Mature Stand Characteristics on a Forest By Forest Basis.

Protecting Mature Stands require action with active management, rather than inaction with closures and no activity within boundaries.

I suggest strongly as you put together your Wildfire Crisis Strategy, that all areas within the Forest is included with active management. Do not exclude any areas.

Please look at the science that I have learned through the years, rather than the politics that seems to pretend to know anything about the science.

If the real intentions is to sustain our National Forests, then manage the whole Forest for health and sustainability. For each Forest come up with specific action plans that would achieve the USFS goals for Mature Stands. Healthy stands sustain wildlife and other characteristics, not just the timber.

The proposed amendment will not create the results that is expected.