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Comments: As a Karuk descendant who grew up in the beautiful Deschutes National Forest, I know not only the value of forests economically, but also their importance as living ecosystems and beings who enhance my existence every day. Scientifically, we need these mature forests who are only now recovering from the horrendous clear cut policies of the 20th century to be left alone. To absorb carbon. To age and become the old growth that our children can enjoy. It is beyond time that the management of our national forests reflects their actual values: clean air and drinking water, species habitat, space for cultural practices, outdoor recreation and tourism - the list goes on.