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Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service:

I am writing to urge you to strengthen protections for all old-growth and mature forests nationwide.

I live in western Oregon and have experienced the recent wildfires in the Willamette National Forest in all their awfulness. I would hate to see fire reduction used as an excuse to cut more old growth/mature trees, or build roads in protected areas. I hope you can focus fire reduction on community preparedness and not on "thinning" our precious forests, which do so much to sequester carbon and help slow the progress of climate change.

Respectfully,
Cecelia Hagen