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Comments: Dear USFS,

Thanks you in advance for considering my comment.

The exact place where I live used to be one of the grandest, ancient stands of old growth Douglas fir on the planet. This is all ENTIRELY gone because of the cut it and run practices of the timber companies throughout the 20th century. It is an absolute shame and we have lost so much of our environmental legacy due to the short sightedness of this economic system.

I am entirely surrounded by unhealthy, highly flammable monoculture plantations that bear no resemblance to the incredible ecosystems that once dominated our landscape. It seems utterly insane and wildly short sighted to even consider anything besides the utmost protection of the miniscule acreage of old growth forest that remains. There is already so much replanted, unnatural plantation forest to manage for timber harvest. Old growth forest must absolutely remain as valuable ecological banks for plants, animals and fungus so that we can try to at least get a small fraction of what once was someday.

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Thank you,

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