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Comments: I comment as cofacilitator of Southern Oregon Climate Action Now, an organization of some 2,000 Southern Oregonians who are concerned about the climate crisis and support all state and federal efforts to address the existential climate crisis.

We are very much aware that carbon sequestration through natural actions are critical to solving this crisis and thus urge upon those discussing the Northwest Forest Management Plan revisions that they incorporate into this plan every possible opportunity to conserve old growth forest. This concern is based upon the research that demonstrates that old-growth forest continues sequestering carbon well into its old-growth designation., We also surge protection of mid-successional forests since these will eventually become the very old-growth forests that serve to provide ongoing carbon sequestration and habitat for the biodiversity these forests support.