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Comments:

Please create a strong and durable DEIS to protect our remaining old growth. If you fly over Oregon in the winter, when there is snow on the ground, you will see a startling patchwork showing the massive number and acreage of clearcuts. We've lost the great majority of our ancient forests from over 100 years of relentless logging. What we have now are timber plantations, which are crops, not forests, and unless managed differently, will never have the full benefits of old forests.

Please stop all logging of the remaining old and mature trees on our national forests. If big old trees have to be cut, such as for public safety, leave them on the forest floor.

Mature and old-growth trees and forests protect our climate and provide critical environmental benefits by:
absorbing and storing carbon,
boosting resilience to fire,
helping regulate temperatures, and
filtering drinking water and sheltering wildlife.

Logging these forests makes no sense except to timber companies focused on short term profits.

Also please do a better job of ensuring strong monitoring and accountability measures. The public needs to know the results of these amended plans to protect old growth.