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Comments: I am passionate regarding our need to protect old growth in our forests. Not only do the oldest trees store the most carbon, and add more carbon annually as compared to smaller trees, they are more fire resistant, provide critical wildlife habitat, and help to clean our water. We absolutely need to halt commercial harvest of old growth trees on public land. Please do what you can to safe guard these critical resources. Thank you!