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Comments: Hello,

As a nature lover and outdoor enthusiast who has lived in Oregon and Washington for over 50 years, I've seen firsthand the horrific destruction of our majestic old growth forests. They not only harbor an abundance of wildlife, from the insects on the ground to the birds flying above and everything in between, but we now understand how critical they are in helping to preserve more balance in our weather patterns, giving us much needed canopy cooling and even lower CO2 levels.

I admire the Forest Service for everything your organization does, but I urge you to consider taking a "don't touch" approach to our old growth forests. From what I've seen over the decades, our past forest management practices have resulted in "death by a thousand paper cuts", where industry and government slowly erode protections over the years, and before we know it the old growth forests have vanished.

It's time to take a firm stand and protect these magical areas once and for all, before it's too late.

Thank you for your consideration,

Crystal McMahon