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Comments: While hiking in the forest near Oakridge, Oregon, I noticed quite a few dead and dying fir trees. This is a problem we can expect as our world warms. Our Northwestern forests provide some of the best carbon sequestration in the world. We need them to slow climate change.

We need to preserve mature and old growth forests now, while we can, so they can serve this vital function.

In the final record of decision, please adopt a modified Alternative 3:

End the cutting of old-growth trees in all national forests and all forest types and end the cutting of any trees in old-growth stands in infrequent fire forest types.

End any commercial exchange of old-growth trees. Even in the rare circumstances where an old-growth tree is cut (e.g. public safety), that tree should not be sent to the mill.

Eliminate the agency discretion to manage old growth out of existence in pursuit of "proactive stewardship" goals.

Thank you.