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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

Old growth forest cannot be replaced, we do not have TIME in the amounts it takes to grow. These diverse ecosystems represent unique places for habitats, carbon sequestration, as yet to be discovered medicines and many diverse mushroom species. PLEASE save what is left! There is less than 5% of the forest protected in Oregon and it is still harvested. Ancient forest in Idaho is being hewn down. The recent fires across the parched west coast show us beyond a doubt that we do not control the forest. Cutting old growth in particular weakens the ability of the land to maintain a good rainshadow, purify water going into the water table, and protect the root systems of parched forests. Forests are not lego sets where you can pull out part of it and the rest will keep running. They are an interdependent network of organisms, climate influence and geology as well as ecology. Please save them and save us at the same time! They are crucial for slowing climate change, protecting endangered species and preserving something we cannot replace: the gene pool of ancient forest plants. Thank you.