Data Submitted (UTC 11): 9/18/2024 4:00:00 AM First name: Claire Last name: Anderson Organization: Title: Comments: Dear U.S. Forestry Service,

Old growth forests are treasures. They must be protected because the opportunity to preserve them will never come again if the forests are cut. We owe it to our children, to the delicate species living in the forests, and to everyone else living on this planet to preserve these precious places.

I have visited old growth forests in California, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Wisconsin, and can attest to the value they have provided my life. Old growth forests provide beauty and tranquility to people living near them or visiting them. Scientists can study old growth forests to understand better the interconnectedness of ecosystems. Old growth forests sequester carbon from the atmosphere and provide essential habitat for delicate species. Our nation's old growth forests are part of our planet's delicate ecosystems.

Please do everything you can to preserve and protect our precious old growth forests.

Thank you.

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