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Comments: The remaining old growth and legacy forests in our national forests are a treasure, a precious legacy for the future and needed for the vitality of the land now. This is a public treasure for the whole community and decisions should not be made by only economic considerations. We need these healthy forests now for carbon sequestration, habitat, health of our water resources. We are in a crisis situation with climate change and biodiversity loss, and healthy forests are needed more than ever. They are worth more intact than sold off for profit.

Please STOP and consider a forest plan that truly increases the health of the forests and encourages conservation and protection of older trees, diverse forests that are not monocultures/ tree farms. Legacy forests are as important as old growth forests. Please listen to the science of forest diversity, carbon sequestration, forests' contribution to the health of salmon and other creatures, forests needed for the hydrology cycle, forests needed for habitat. Biologists and scientists know so much, but often our deeper knowledge is overshadowed by economics. This is a time on the planet to pay attention to the big messages we are receiving - that we can't keep cutting and selling, we need to listen to the messages that we need to act more sustainably.

Please protect our remaining old growth and legacy forests.