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Comments: I am writing in behalf of mature and old growth forests which need immediate protection. Here on the Oregon Coast we have very little remaining old growth but many acres of mature and close to mature trees of 80 years and older. Sadly the timber industry that has already liquidated most of the mature trees on land that they own is adamant about getting access to the larger trees on state land, the publics land!

There are many benefits from allowing the mature and old growth trees, and trees fast approaching mature status, to continue their life cycle: water retention and purity, fire resistance, wildlife habitat and, of paramount importance, mitigation of climate change.

Please act to protect and increase our supply of old growth and mature trees. Thank you.