Data Submitted (UTC 11): 9/19/2024 10:32:47 PM

First name: Vanessa Last name: Scott Organization:

Title:

Comments: We are seeing the costs of old growth forest loss in so many ways: Loss of habitat for native species; increasing weather events that devastated forests cannot protect us from; the threat to the very sophisticated web of life and life support that cannot be replaced with plantings of mono-forests. I live in Oregon where we have rapacious logging businesses (and our BLM)who have little concern about the loss of the old growth forest as long as there is money to be made.

In addition, these forests function as natural "water stewards"; their loss has huge effects on the environment and species such as native salmon. The more we learning about these interconnected webs of life in old growth forests, the more amazing we see they are, and essential to our efforts to battle climate change effects!