Data Submitted (UTC 11): 9/19/2024 4:00:00 AM First name: Cindy Last name: Whalen Organization: Title: Comments: Hi Forest Service,

My favorite memories are of visiting National Forests on the West Coast, Colorado, Minnesota, and in Europe.

As stewards of the earth we are responsible to protect mature and old-growth forests for future generations. Money is fleeting, the amount of money it would take to recreate our forests would be unimaginable. Money is never a good reason to proceed in destroying what took hundreds of years to create.

Thank you for your time.