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In your upcoming decision re: USFS Land Management Plan #65356, I urge you to value and protect all old growth trees and forests on federal lands. Protect the intact ecosystems that hold the starter culture for so many species and networks at risk of extinction. What's good for them, is good for us.

If we want to create a more cooling and moistening trend (particularly in the mountain west), it's of paramount importance to leave the largest, oldest trees and adjust our construction methods to the use of abundant overcrowded smaller trees that need to be thinned, for greater forest resilience to fire.

I urge you to make a sensible decision that honors our forests and generations to come.

Sincerely,

MC - Ashland, OR