Data Submitted (UTC 11): 9/20/2024 4:00:00 AM First name: James Last name: Disher Organization: Title: Comments: Hello. To Whom it may concern:

Please protectOld Growth Forests! They offer so many unique advantages!

Fire protection, bio diversity, homes for animals, aesthetics, recreation, still undiscovered benefits like medicines, carbon sequestering, prevent soil erosion and most critically oxygen, essential for all life on earth!

Once these forests are gone they will never come back. It took tens of thousands of years for them to develop. They are much more valuable as they stand than being cut down for timber!

Sincerely, James Disher