Data Submitted (UTC 11): 9/20/2024 4:00:00 AM  First name: Douglass  Last name: Hayman  Organization:  Title:  Comments: Dear Forest Service staff,
Do all that you can to protect the last remaining old growth forests. These living legacies must be protected for their value in our ecosystems, their ability to sequester carbon and their awesomeness for future generations to cherish.
Look beyond industrial measures of board feet, please. A forest is one system quite different than a mono-culture tree farm I have come to learn in my years recreating in the Pacific Northwest and in doing environmental stewardship.
We have a limited number of these legacy, old growth trees left. Leave them alone and do all you can to protect them.
Thank you,