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Comments: As a recreational user of forests, I urge you to listen to the scientists who implore you to stop cutting old growth trees. I visited forests all over the United States and Europe, and nowhere are there mature old growth forests as in Western Oregon. These forests need protection.

None of the alternatives listed include language to PROHIBIT commercial logging. These trees need permanent protections with no exceptions.

The time is imminent to protect old growth forests and save them from potential threats. Mature and old growth forests protect our water supply and improve fish habitat.

The forests of the West-side are different from dry forests and must be treated differently. As wildfires become a more significant threat, thinning should be prohibited from these forests--thinning is NOT the answer to lessening the threat of fire. And post-fire logging should also be prohibited and not used as an excuse for post fire logging.

I've walked through forests that have been devastated by fire but other management techniques must be employed. Post fire logging becomes an excuse for more commercial logging of old growth forests and must be stopped.

I want our future generations to be able to appreciate the majesty of old growth forests. Please seriously consider finding other alternative and permanently protect our old growth forests, especially those in the moist forests of the west side. Anyone who has the privilege to walk through these old growth forests know that they deserve permanent protection