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Comments: To Whom it May Concern:

I believe the highest use for all old growth vegetation that is left on public lands needs to be for climate change and future resiliency. It has more value alive than as a log. In fact it has incredible value, left in tact. A few of these values are; wildlife habitat and the diversity of niches for countless species; birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and insects. The carbon storage these big trees provide is priceless as is their fire resistance and cooler environmental qualities for fire events, mitigation of weather events by providing protection of water quality and soils. Stop logging the life giving qualities out of the earth. For all the effort that goes into analysis it seems we never know enough to protect what we need to protect. We find out after it is damaged or destroyed.

How about considering managing public lands for life and not just industry. The importance of that wildlife corridor connecting the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area to the Eagle Cap Wilderness in this project is huge, in this day of habitat fragmentation by logging and development, for all kinds of life. That corridor provides a unique re-creation environment for humans in need of peace and solitude as well. Stop logging the life out of the earth. Enough roads exist in NE Oregon's public lands for access regardless of needs. It doesn't take a genius to view aerial imagery of our beloved landscapes to see they are being denuded at an unprecedented rate with roads accompanying that activity. It is not just the trees being removed, it is also all the disturbance caused by it. We are bulldozing the life out of our one and only home. Please manage for life, not the destruction of it. Thank you.