

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 3/5/2025 2:23:00 AM

First name: Jane

Last name: Hardgrove

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I am a 5th generation on both sides of my family, raised in a rural logging community in western Oregon. I have seen farming practices take over forests and have seen and breathed the smoke caused by wild fires.

I would like to see new standards that protect old forests in the timber matrix zones that have been described as areas for logging emphasis.

I advocate for changes to the amendment that changes protection for mature and old growth in special reserves I oppose the lowering the age at which you can cut old growth.

When I attended the local informational meeting I discussed the protection of old stands with a forester. I think it is dreaming and unrealistic to think logging the mature timber will help with fires or create good new jobs for workers. With the automation in mills ect. the money makers might be much more placed in the owners- not the workers hands. Again I grew up in Oregon during the heavy logging and spraying period of late 60s and 70s. I saw hard working people get hurt in dangerous work at low pay.

We humans are old growth dependent too. Please do not let this new administration hurt our great outdoors.

Thank you