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Comments: I am an 81-year-old Oregonian woman with a disability that limits how far I can hike/walk in our forests. But in my lifetime, I have spent time in old growth forests, and am in awe of the majesty and presence of these trees. They are an ecosystem into themselves, providing not just canopy but a nursery for young trees. Many species of wildlife thrive in these places; they are a natural solution to climate change, absorbing into their leaves so much carbon from the air, and storing it safely. I urge you to protect these few remaining forests, treasures that they are. To log them, endangers species that are imperiled, adds to sediment in streams, increases fire danger, destroys habitat. The proposed amendments to the Northwest Forest Plan prioritize commercial logging, opens up 800,000 acres of mature and old growth forests, and undermines efforts to address the climate crises we now face. I urge you to remove these dangerous amendments and ensure protection of these old growth forests, so that your grandchildren can visit and appreciate these amazing trees.