Data Submitted (UTC 11): 3/10/2025 7:34:49 PM First name: David Last name: Cooper Organization: Title: Comments: Dear Everyone,

I grew up in Oregon and was lucky enough to enjoy a lot of the old growth areas. I remember one area that was one of the most beautiful places I've ever been. High mountain meadows full of elk surrounded by huge old growth trees with streams full of fish. A year later the area had been logged. As far as you could see there was nothing but torn up land with grotesque stumps jutting out.

This was in 1978, I've been in many places around the world and this place still stands out as one of the most beautiful. I remember when the trucks hauling trees through town would have one piece of a tree on it, because they were cutting trees too big to fit on one truck.

My heart breaks that they want to cut what little old growth we have left and I truly think it's criminal. Doesn't anybody care about the next generation. Short term thinking for short term profit should not be the driving force to ruin our forests.