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Comments: I am a lifelong resident of Oregon, and live in the Coast Range. I am a board member of the Coast Range Association, which is submitting a detailed explanation of why the forest is irreplaceably valuable and must be protected from those whose only agenda is how to profit from as much logging as possible. The Pacific Northwest has the most efficient carbon sequestration of any forest in the world. We are in emergent need of doing everything we can to mitigate the coming climate change and keep as many areas as possible habitable for human beings. I urge you in the strongest terms to protect this beautiful area which is valuable for so much more than simply harvesting timber.