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Comments: Dear USDA Forest Service Representative,

I am deeply saddened to learn that the US Forest Service is considering amendments to the NW Forest Plan that include logging on old-growth and mature forests. Now, more than ever, we need the protection, beauty, and income from old growth forests. I urge you to consider what your children or grandchildren would want you to do in this situation. These forests would take 100s if not thousands of years to recover if they are cut down. It is our responsibility to protect them for future Americans.

These forests are symbolic of Oregon and attract tourists to the adjacent rural communities which are drivers for income for small, rural communities. In addition, while our world gets hotter, mature forests provide cool places for people and animals including critical habitat for spotted owls and murrelets. Do you want your grandchildren to experience the majestic beauty of a flying spotted owl overhead?

In the west, we are all concerned about climate change and the growth of dangerous forest fires. However, the more we log the hotter our planet will be and wildfires will become more frequent and larger. Mature forests are naturally fire resistant and resilient. By preserving our mature forests which are valuable carbon sinks we will help mitigate the damage of human caused climate change.

Please picture your grandchild (or grandniece or nephew or perhaps a family friend's child) in a mature old forest breathing in the cool air surrounded by huge majestic trees. Now, make the decision that will protect this valuable resource.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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