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Comments: Please do not weaken protections for our national forests and open them up to the devastation of increased logging. Mature and old-growth forests are natural carbon sinks (our greatest warriors in the fight against climate change) and resilient against wildfire. Logging them would worsen the biodiversity and climate crises. It does not matter how many houses we build, how much lumber we export, or how much paper we can make if we are all dead or dying because our air and water has been poisoned by the effects of deforestation and other environmental tragedies.

These forests also provide essential habitat for imperiled species like the northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, and coho salmon. They filter and protect drinking water for communities across the Pacific Northwest. We do not need more lumber! We need clean air, clean water, and healthy, diverse ecosystems. We are destroying this planet and it needs to end!!