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Comments: It's impossible to put a price tag on the pleasure of walking in a mature forest. I and the community of women I hike with in the magnificent forests of the Northwest plead with you not to cut mature forests. Global warming is well-documented and wildfires are increasingly violent and destructive. We need mature forests to cool the earth. Indigenous peoples were able to maintain forests and use them for food production for millennia and Euro-American society has managed to largely destroy them in order to produce wealth for elites who live far from the forests. The wealth produced from our forests has not stayed in local communities where people do the work of the timber companies, but has filled the pockets of people who live far away from timber-dependent communities, in large urban spaces. Please consider the Coast Range Association's comments. I endorse the Coast Range Association's comments on the DEIS.