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Comments: Greetings,

I may not be a mother, but I am a godmother to 3, have taught thousands of kids in Oregon, and cannot comprehend the idea that the Old Growth and the just growing back 2nd/3rd generation forests that we cherish here in the PNW would be cut. We have to keep INTACT OLD GROWTH FORESTS alive and standing. They sink carbon in ways that science only now is understanding, and with that comes the understanding of just how complex of a system that is. Underground mycelium, understory and canopy systems that cannot and will not be replicated by any human made technology. I fully affirm and believe in our right to clean air and water, for the land we grow our food on to not be plagued by drought or flood, which increases when we remove these invaluable forest systems that line all of our food growing valleys, especially the Willamette Valley!! And in perpetuity, I affirm that our kids and their kids and so on deserve these human earth based rights as well. The West Coast rain forest is why people flock here in amazement and awe. Once removed, we will not see anything like it in our lifetimes, or many lifetimes after. It's a guarantee for more climate disaster, and will expose dire environmental situations that frankly we can't endure, as at every turn these days some kind of social or environmental stress is there. KEEP TALL TREES STANDING!!

Thank you for reading, I hope those in power chose to stand with those who literally give them air to breathe!