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Comments: Dear Sir/Madam- I am writing to you today as the daughter of a trained, long retired forest ranger. Although my father left the forestry service to become an educator he instilled a strong belief in my siblings and I that our forests here in the US are a national treasure that must be protected. Additionally I have a connection to the Pacific Northwest and owned a home for many years in an area close to the Olympics and have a real connection to the forest there as a result

When I read your recent proposal I was saddened to hear that old growth trees more than 120 years old plus are literally on the chopping block of proposals. I would hope that we have learned what happens from the Amazon when old growth trees are harvested. The results are devastating with loss of wildlife, erosion, temperature increases, and clean water becoming issues. The Northwest has one of the few temperate rain forests on earth and one of the few remaining areas of the US with old growth trees. Trees work in symbiosis with one another it seems illogical to break that relationship with the rise in forest fires. Please consider comments such as mine when reviewing your proposal. There are normal everyday people like me who genuinely care about preserving our forest treasures. Thank you. JH