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Comments: I am a third generation Western Oregonian and have lived near, worked in, and enjoyed the forests my entire life, as did the previous two generations of my forefathers. We have hiked in all stages of forest and we have repeatedly marveled at the sheer beauty and health of the old growths as you emerge from a younger-planted stand. We prayed that they would be preserved for future generations.

In addition to the sheer beauty of old growths is their important function in sequestering carbon from the atmosphere and turning it into biomass. For this reason alone, in the face of human-induced climate change, we need to focus on preserving old growth in addition to fostering long -term stewardship of our timber resources. This is the tricky paradigm that requires thoughtful consideration by those in charge of managing our forest and forest resources.

The policy of "Accelerated Reforestation" appears to be code words for increasing timber harvesting without adequate ecological considerations.

I oppose the amendment changes.