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Comments: Our mature and old growth forests are so important to help with removing carbon dioxide from the air and helping to slow the effects of climate change. Over the thirty years I have lived in California, our average temperatures have increased, we are having hotter summers, water shortage issues and a much longer fire season than ever before. Further development over the years has drastically reduced the number of carbon reducing trees including healthy ecosystems that provide us with clean water and clean air and diverse ecosystems that support important wildlife habitats that help keep our rodent population under control. We need a strong Northwest Forest Plan that preserves these important ecosystems that are so important to protecting humans from climate change and helping us maintain clean air and clean water into the future.