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Comments: Hello,

I am a resident of Oregon, hospital worker, and an avid outdoorsman. I regularly hike, backpack, climb, ski, and paddle in wilderness areas. I always pay for the appropriate parking fees and wilderness permits. I abide by Leave No Trace principles. I've spent countless hours in our national forests and much of my disposable income on recreating there.

Please, I beg that you preserve these wild spaces. Their value is far greater than the price of their timber. Undisturbed old growth forests provide cleaner water, fresher air, indispensable biodiversity, resiliency against wildfires, money from tourism, and recreation opportunities for generations upon generations of Americans.

Specifically, you can protect these wild spaces by:

- * Protecting mature and old-growth forests - don't raise logging limits to 120-150 years.
- * Saving wildlife like the Northern Spotted Owl and Marbled Murrelet.
- * Keeping forests intact to fight climate change and reduce wildfire risk - cutting them down will do the opposite.
- * Supporting Tribal stewardship - but don't tie it to logging increases.
- * Valuing recreation, clean water and fish habitat over timber profits.

For the sake of all Oregonians, please protect our forests. Thank you.