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Comments: I urge the Forest Service to protect our forests and to strengthen protections for mature and old-growth forests to ensure habitat, water quality, carbon storage, and recruit more mature and old forests to restore a functional ecosystem.

To maintain or expand protections for the network of forest reserves that allow natural processes to flourish, ensure connectivity for wildlife, and support the recovery of imperiled species. Any reduction in forest reserve protections would increase harmful impacts such as habitat destruction, sediment in streams, and carbon loss, further endangering sensitive ecosystems. I ask you to please shift wildfire strategies to prioritize community safety and proven prevention measures over logging. The Forest Service must reject plans to weaken core protections of the Northwest Forest Plan. Maintaining and expanding protection for forest reserves is critical to preserving biodiversity, clean water, and the long-term climate benefits our forests provide.

As an Oregonian, I urge to please protect and value our beloved forests. This is our home and we need to protect it and have it for our future generations.

Thank you,

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