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Comments: I am a life long Oregonian and forest user. I support protections for the remaining old growth and intact forests. Old growth is important for animal habitat and diversity and to prevent climate change. Over-extraction only benefits the few, for a short period, in a direct financial way but at the expense of the many who benefit from indirect benefits of our old growth trees. Old growth, by definition, can never return during our lifetimes, depriving future generations of these assets for our own personal gain. I object to any increase of old growth cutting in the forest management plan. I support innovative ways to have timber resources that are less extractive. I support protection for endangered species - they may seem insignificant but the biodiversity benefits humans in ways we don't yet fully comprehend. Thank you.