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Comments: When I first came to Oregon, I was mesmerized by the seemingly endless, massive green cathedrals - our incredible forests. These towering trees were a significant proponent in my choice to call this region my forever home. After moving here, I spent countless days and crafted precious memories under ancient canopies. Everyone I've talked to has felt a similar sense of gratitude for this wild place we live.

Exploring the old growth coastal ecosystems has brought me wonder, healing, peace, and amazement. I'm so grateful to share these experiences with my rescue pups and now two little humans. To see them look up in awe at these life giving giants has brought me indescribable joy. I've also held and consoled my daughter as she cried, after seeing clear cut forests and beloved trees felled. When she quietly asks why between tears, my heart shatters. At only four years old, she knows the significance that these trees play in our magnificent ecosystems. She understands how important ancient trees are for wildlife, providing homes for imperilled species.

Old growth fosters an abundance of life, that which makes the Pacific Northwest so magical. With less than 10% of our old growth trees left, it is our responsibility to protect them. There are measures we can take to safeguard communities from wildfire and expand Tribal sovereignty without compromising these incredible forests. When ecological health across the US is under grave threat, it's more critical now than ever to be steadfast in protecting our wildlife and lands. Don't put short term profit over long term growth. Please stand for our forests and uphold your duty to safeguard what makes our state so sublime.