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To Whom It May Concern:

I am asking for a different direction in forest management than the Western Oregon Plan Revisions propose. Healthy, protected forests are one of Oregon's most important assets, and the areas which still contain ancient trees are planetary treasures. Please re-direct future plans towards thinning pre-existing plantations and cutting small-diameter trees in areas where it would not damage water quality and habitat for endangered plant and animal species. We must not be so short-sighted that we sacrifice irreplaceable areas of beauty, diversity, and ancient natural history for very short-term financial advantages. Our ancient forests are also the "lungs" of the planet, which we definitely need in this time of rapidly changing climate.

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