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Comments for BOF meeting September 4, 2019:

I think all of you on the Board of Forestry, in the Department of Forestry, and those working with them both all know what a climate crises we are facing. There are 2 ways we can avert this crises before our planet becomes too hot and our oceans start dying with high temperatures and acidification. We need to cut back our carbon output while pulling carbon from the atmosphere.

The big trees in our Oregon State Forests sequester much more carbon than young trees which don't capture much carbon until the age of thirty. Then they double under ideal growing conditions in board feet, all carbon, until the age of 60 when they slow down in growth but still put on many more board feet that a tree of 40 years. These big trees also stabilize the forest's hydrology system and are the most resistant to forest fires as opposed to the young mono-culture stands that burn ~ 20% hotter.

Our climate crises is so threatening that we must do all we can immediately. Please fight for funding for ODF from other souces than cutting down these trees. We the residents of Oregon will be asking the legislature to stop the sweet heart tax deals with wall street owned timber companies and have these companies pay their share of property taxes as they did 30 years ago.

Thank you for the work you do in protecting the incredible resource we have in our State Forests.

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