From: **Val Hoyle**
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Subject: Re: Protecting Oregon's Large Trees: What is your Position?
To: Roger Worthington

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I appreciate you reaching out to ask my position on Oregon's old growth trees in Central Oregon and allowing me to weigh in about my position on forest management. I hope this email makes it to you in time. I live in a WUI area and was lucky to have a home to come back to after the Holiday farm fire and the Governor appointed me co-chair to the Wildfire Recovery Council. This is not just a generic forest policy position, it is a very personal issue for me.

I am committed to the responsible, sustainable management of Oregon forests. Forest management at the federal level can preserve old growth ecosystems while protecting our communities from catastrophic wildfires. My focus as a candidate for Oregon's 4th Congressional district and when I was a Lane County legislator has been mainly on the forests and ecosystems of Oregon's west side, so I am unfortunately not familiar with the West Bend project. That said, old growth ecosystems nationwide are critical to forest health and it is imperative for our land management agencies to work closely with communities, stakeholders and scientific experts to ensure we preserve these vitally important places that are essential for storing carbon as climate change threatens our planet.

I support President Biden's focus on protecting old growth and mature forests across this country. If I am elected to succeed my mentor and friend Congressman Peter DeFazio to represent the people of Oregon's 4th Congressional District, I will work to support sustainable forest management in Oregon that provides responsibly sourced timber for our local mills, protects communities from climate related catastrophic wildfires, protects old growth ecosystems, preserves clean water from rivers and streams and protects wildlife habitat for threatened and endangered species.

Thanks again for reaching out and I am looking forward to connecting soon ████████████.

All the best
Val