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1. Do you agree that protecting mature and old-growth trees during a climate emergency is critical for absorbing and storing atmospheric carbon, filtering water, providing habitat for wildlife, reducing the risk of wildfires, maintaining soil stability, and cooling our planet?

**Yes.** I actually believe that protecting old-growth trees and forests should have been a long standing practice long before we reached the point of a climate emergency.

2. During a climate emergency, do you support reviving regulations that protect large mature trees greater than 21" DBH in Eastern and Central Oregon on public lands?

**I would like to see a policy that protects large mature trees on public lands across the U.S., not just in Oregon.** Then I would like to see us take this same policy and apply it with our global trading partners. We should have a climate lens on all of our policies when we need to provide incentives (or sanctions) and level the playing field so governments avoid a race to the bottom when it comes to our planet.

3. Do you support the decision by the USFS to open more than 11,000 square miles of public lands in Eastern and Central Oregon to logging?

On the face, **no I don't support this policy.** Too often our state and federal agencies work in isolation without understanding what other agencies are trying to accomplish and what should be guiding us to our ultimate goals.

The U.S. EPA should be setting carbon reduction goals for all sectors in the United States. Short of such metrics, they should be working in partnership with all other government agencies to make recommendations on carbon reduction goals and mitigation and adaption plans. **This is clearly not the partnership we are seeing with USFS and EPA.**

4. Do you support an effort to hold public hearings on the issue of how to best implement durable protections for the remaining mature and old-growth ecosystems on public lands in Central and Eastern Oregon?

Public hearings seems like a low bar for policies that have such big impact. However, I also don't fully have an appreciation for the budgets of USFS and our federal agencies. I value public feedback and input and **I think government fails when we don't have all voices included in decision making so yes, I would support holding public hearings, especially if the community is upset with USFS decisions.**