Senator Wyden and Senator Merkley:

At the eleventh hour the Trump Administration repealed the Eastside Screens 21-inch rule, which for decades excluded logging of mature and old growth trees in Washington and Oregon east of the Cascade crest. This protected the largest 3% of trees on public lands on over 14,000 square miles of forest.

These magnificent forests cleanse the air, purify drinking water, support habitat for fish and wildlife, bring down air temperature, and survive fire better: these carbon-dense old trees are Nature’s made-to-order, most efficient Climate solution.

The Sierra Club and allies have gone to court to reverse Trump’s 21-inch rule decision. The 21-inch rule protected these trees at a base level by excluding the largest carbon sinks from all logging. I stand with so many concerned Oregonians and ask you not to defend Trump’s imprudent action. Do not support any logging of our largest trees: let them stand.

Tell President Biden you want the 21-inch rule reinstated. Support the revocation of the Trump era repeal of the 21-inch rule. Please, protect Oregon’s Climate Champion old trees.

Thank you,

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miles of forest. These large trees are vital to their ecosystems. They create habitats for rare and endangered species and provide clean water. These trees also store more carbon than any others, something vital to our fight against greenhouse gas emissions. The 21 inch rule protects these trees as a base level by excluding the largest carbon sinks from all cutting and logging.

You said yourself that Trump’s decision here “went too far”, please do not defend this decision and continue to let one of our greatest resources be cut away. Reinstating the Eastside Screens is an easy fix and a great first step to better protecting our forests. Please encourage the Biden administration to stand with your state and its resources to protect our mature and old growth!

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Your continued commitment to fighting the climate crisis is admirable, reinstating the screens is an easy way to continue those efforts. Please encourage the Biden administration to do the right thing and protect one of Oregon’s, and the world’s, best chances against the climate crisis!
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