

January 27, 2024

To Regional Foresters Jacqueline Buchanan and Jennifer Eberlien:

This note is about the proposed Northwest Forest Plan amendment. I live in this region, but even if I didn't I'd still care fiercely about this land and all that lives on and grows from it.

I have great respect for the trees and their forest companions – as well as great sadness about the way we humans have treated them in our forceful ascendance over other species.

Moreover, I respect fire as an organic, useful element in the lives of forests. Like so many people who have lived here far longer than I have, I believe we should not try to utterly obliterate it.

I hope you will bring attitudes like mine into your discussion of the proposal. I'm thinking of the work of those who urge serious consideration of *climate refugia* – thinking of both animals and plants; flood mitigation; and what you folks refer to as “water capture and storage.”

I certainly appreciate – and thank you for – your work.

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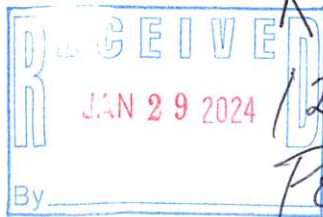
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