

January 27, 2024

Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service
Dear Sir:

This letter is regarding the upcoming amendment to the NW Forest Plan.

It is essential that this amendment include protection for all old growth AND mature trees and forests. Mature forests are future old growth. I am sure you are aware of many of the benefits.

These include preserving carbon sinks to help combat climate change; protecting endangered species such as the spotted owl, marbled murrelet, Pacific salmon, and others pending inclusion under the Endangered Species Act; increasing forest fire resistance; enhancing local economies not only through timber sales but clean water, climate stability, and outdoor recreation.

I would also suggest that incorporating tribal wisdom and practices into forest management could be of significant benefit.

Thank you for accepting this scoping comment.

Marilyn J. Nelson

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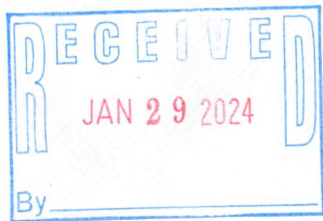
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