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Dear People —

The N.W. Forest plan was a hard fought series of disagreements which ended in a compromise. None of the parties involved were totally satisfied with the results. However, it was a plan all parties could live with.

Now, once again the plan is up for review. We can not help but notice that each time the plan is assessed the amendments proposed are dominated by more cutting, harvesting and taking of the tiny fraction of native forests still remaining. This is public land, so we here with respond concerning our collective forests.

We ask that you:

Implement regulations that prohibit private leasing of our public lands;

prohibit the harvesting of trees 80 years & older on our National forests;

Limit the loss of carbon sequestration due to increased logging in previously protected areas;

Set clear guidelines so that decisions are not left to the discretion of local rangers concerning our commonwealth;

prohibit local government management of our public lands that leads to a broken mosaic of management;

Avoid compromising habitat of sensitive species as a result of more cutting of our National forests;

Instead of "fuel reduction to minimize forest fires" logging will only lead to more intense fires and destruction.

In short, leave the N.W. Forest plan alone in terms of more takings of our public Federal Forests. The trees are of much more value standing for future generations.

Respectfully,

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