

FRIENDS OF ENCHANTED MEADOW

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U.S. Forest Service, ATTN: Public Comments
Northwest Forest Plan Amendment # 64745
333 SW 1st Avenue – P.O. Box 3623
Portland, Oregon 97208-3623

RE- Objection to the proposed Northwest Forest Plan Amendment

Dear Forest Service,

The Northwest Forest Plan is an ecological covenant. A living contract formulated to achieve optimum restoration to our region's thinning forests, diminishing wildlife and silted streams. To prematurely deploy timber extraction measures within this protective zone just three decades into a hundred-year rehabilitation plan defeats its objective.

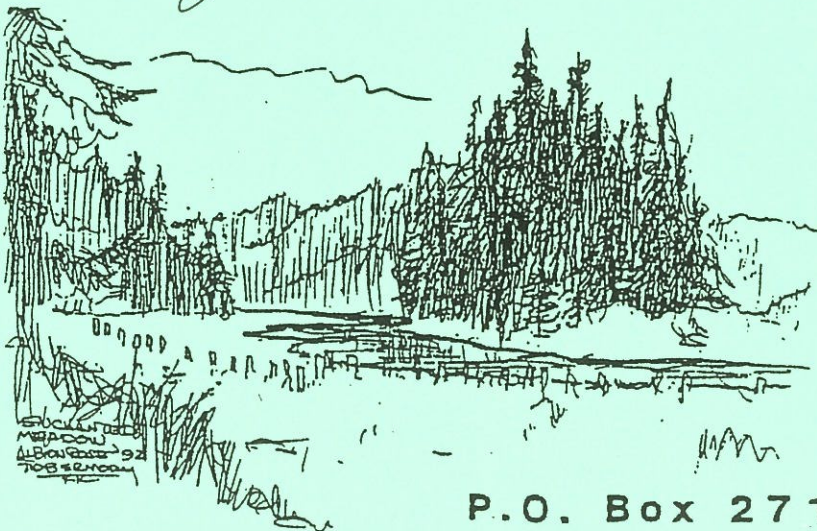
Weakening this plan will hinder the recovery of late successional forests and associated species. All sylvan life forms and related elements; earth, water and air require this plan's protective shield to reach maximum healing results. Your proposed actions would remove important protections for species and ecosystems this plan was initially developed to protect.

Any amendments, should strengthen our natural region by expanding ecosystem protection to ensure forests, wildlife and watersheds are preserved for future generations. Tribal involvement is more than an agency's appearance of "political correctness" as it seems in Mendocino County, CA. Tribal representatives should have a true seat at the conference table and board meetings with voting and veto power equal to federal and state agency personnel.

Honoring our region's biodiversity and ecosystems by denying industrial timber operations within the restorative provisions of the Pacific Northwest Plan is virtuous and visionary. Thank you.

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