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Comments: Gentlemen, Here our suggestions for the Northwest Forest Plan Amendment.

We urge the protection of old growth forests at the watershed level. If a watershed contains old growth, no matter how low the percentage, that watershed should be declared off limits to any industrial activities or permanent infrastructure. The watershed or part thereof should have its characteristics restored to the original composite as possible before alteration. This will start the beginning of a "new future old growth forest" and start helping reverse the affects of climatic change. If a watershed was an old growth restore it back to original.

Some great examples of this are the restoration of the Elwha River Watershed that was inundated by two huge river impoundments and associated infrastructure. Another example is the ongoing efforts of the Save the Redwoods League in the Mill Creek Watershed of Del Norte Coast Redwood State Park in California. Link here: <https://www.savetheredwoods.org/project/mill-creek-restoration>.

We urge restoring as many watershed as possible because while these areas are becoming the future forests, they are starting to reverse the affects of climate change immediately. Also, these restored watersheds are creating habitats and connectivity for various flora , fauna and aquatic species.

Attached is a picture of a project of ours in Highland County Virginia, it's a restoration of a riparian and some upland using native trees of the area such as sycamore, black birch, red maple etc.

Cheers.

Sincerely,

Clifford and Pearl