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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP) revision. I am the President of the Lake Quinault Homeowners Association. We represent residences within the Recreation Residence Program on the Olympic National Forest in the Quinault River Valley.

Nationally, the US Forest Service Recreation Residence Program includes more than 13,000 cabins in 24 states. The program accounts for over \$200 Million economic stimulus to local rural communities, through taxes, retail sales, direct hires, and more. These benefits are an important development strategy to diversify the economy of rural, resource extractive locations that will be (and have been) impacted by the reduction in available timber yields in a changing climate (as noted in the NWFP). Indeed, as pointed out by Hjerpe, et.al. (2020) in a study commissioned by the USDA Forest Service, the amenity migration benefits of efforts like the Recreation Residence Program, "...can be a critical development strategy for rural communities."

I want to strongly convey that the Lake Quinault Homeowners Association and the cabin owners we represent are very interested in having input in the NW Forest Plan efforts, and we hope to be apprised of any proposed updates that may impact recreation on the Olympic National Forest. We look forward to future correspondence.

Thank You

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