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Comments: Great Old Broads for Wilderness is a women-led national grassroots organization that engages and inspires activism to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands. Please accept these scoping comments for the proposed Northwest Forest Plan amendment on behalf of 7 Pacific Northwest chapters (called "Broadbands"): Redwood (northern California), Rogue Valley (southern Oregon), Willamette Valley (Salem to Eugene), Bitterbrush (Central and Eastern Oregon), Cascade-Volcanoes (Portland area and Southwestern Washington), South Sound (Olympia, WA), and Polly Dyer (Seattle).

Our roughly 500 members and supporters in the region include a diverse range of experience and expertise, and many have raised families and enjoyed careers in this region. We enjoy the National Forests included in the proposed amendment for many purposes - from boating and hiking, to bird watching and foraging. We also know how important ecosystem services these forested public lands provide are - from storing carbon to battle climate change, to filtering our drinking water. And while we value these forests for ourselves, we also value them for the benefits they provide for our children and grandchildren, and the countless species of plants, animals, and fungi that live in the Pacific Northwest.

Our full scoping comment letter is attached.