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Comments: Dear Forest Service. I believe that the proposed Northwest Forest Plan Amendment #64745 is lacking in the latest scientific information that points to the vital need for protecting America's remaining old and mature growth forests. Beyond protecting the species, some endangered, who dwell in these forests, there is the important component of where forest carbon is stored. Most people believe that is in the trees themselves. New research demonstrates that a significant portion of forest carbon is stored in the soil. New science shows that trees communicate with each other, send nutrients to each other and function optimally when tree and plant varieties are 'allowed to coexist' with one another. When you allow timber industry needs to dictate what science you consider, you are displaying a bias that is systematically destroying an ecosystem that is vital to the survival of this planet. You have to decide if you are true stewards of the forests or rubber stamps for rapacious companies to not only obliterate these trees, but also damage the important common mycorrhizal networks that exist in healthy forests and insure their survival for generations.

Here are some links to this science:

<https://mothertreeproject.org/about-mother-trees/faq/#resource-transfer>

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/forests-and-global-change/articles/10.3389/ffgc.2024.1512518/full>

Thank You,

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