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Comments: As a long-time Oregon coast resident and property owner in the Cascade Head Scenic-Research Area, I oppose the proposed action alternatives (B, C, and D) to the Northwest Forest Plan. These proposals weaken protections for mature and old-growth forests - harming my property, community, and local wildlife.

My wife and I have owned land on Cascade Head for 25 years, there is no land for sale these days. Our water source comes from the Crowley Creek watershed, which would be impacted by logging in the Siuslaw National Forest (which we have spent a lot of time on). Cascade Head was designated as the first Scenic Research Area in the U.S. to preserve its environmental and scientific value, and the proposed changes undermine that. It is a protected Biosphere Reserve. These alternatives would reduce the ecological, aesthetic, and economic value of my property and threaten endangered species habitats (spotted owl, marbled murrelet, coho salmon, and Oregon silver spot butterfly). As a fisherman, I'm especially concerned about the impact on salmon populations.

Any changes to the Northwest Forest Plan should increase environmental protection. The proposed alternatives (B, C, and D) do not do this, and should not proceed. The long-term social and economic impacts would be severe.

Best,?

Grant Rogers

ATTACHMENT-FIGURE/PICTURE: fsbdev7\_007112.pdf; Figure/map of Cascade Head Scenic-Research Area, Siuslaw National Forest-Hebo Ranger District