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Comments: I am an avid hiker who lives in Oregon. I go backpack and hiking every year, dozens of times, and have hiked thousands of miles across the PNW. I absolutely don't want to see any form of increased logging and weakening protections for the critically important Northwest Forest Plan. I would rather see our precious and beautiful mature forests attain old growth levels, and I want all old growth and mature forest stands to be protected indefinitely, never logged. So many places across the PNW mean so much to me. I have poured over maps and I've seen the horrible scars on the landscape that clear cuts make, and even if increased logging prevented forest fires (which it doesn't), I still wouldn't want it. The only way I'd be accepting of it is if the sole purpose was to prepare forest land to reach a point where it is healthy and can be left alone without anymore logging. This would mean fixing old dense monoculture stands to allow trees to attain old growth status. After that, they should be permanently left alone to nature, aside from prescribed burns. The problems with the proposals is that they set "sustainable timber production" as one of the goals and provide exceptions and loopholes in the name of fire prevention. Therefore, because of the huge risk of increased logging, I don't want to see any of the proposed action changes to pass. I'd rather the MWFP be left alone as is for the forest. If logging increases in any way, I will definitely take notice. And even if it was promised that logging wouldn't increase, the proposed plans leave too many loopholes to increase logging. And mature and old growth forests must be protected at all costs from logging. Mature forests need to be left alone. And I want all forests over 100 years old to be left alone, left to attain old growth status. I stand in agreement with Oregon Wild and other environmental organizations.

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