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Comments: I am thankful to the National Forest Service that you are finally writing the Comprehensive Plan for completing and protecting the Pacific Northwest Trail. It is evident that many people have spent a lot of time and effort to put together a well-thought-out plan to balance the need for this scenic trail for the public and the conservation efforts for the beautiful creation in which it wanders.

I fully support the completion of this Comprehensive Plan with one very important correction. Congress designated this trail to be a National SCENIC Trail, not a National Historic Trail or a "Trail to wander through whatever is along the current path." As the Pacific Northwest Trail Association points out, Congress did not envision this scenic trail to include "working forests" in its end-state, as working forests are not "scenic." Please heed the vision for the PNT of Ron Strickland as it was entered into the federal register by Joel Pritchard (WA). "Proceedings and Debates of the 94th Congress, First Session" Congressional Record Vol. 121, No. 40)

My son and I started section hiking the PNT from the coast eastbound a few years ago and have completed nearly 1/3 of the trail. We have seen the National Park Forests that are beautiful as they have been untouched by the logging industry for decades. The beauty of these forests stand in stark contrast to the "working forests" in private tree farms and state forests that have ugly clear cuts, trash, and slash piles. Not only are "working forests" ugly, but they are also dangerous to hikers in active logging areas, where tree-felling, yarding, and logging trucks are there to work the forests. "Working forests" will also continue to put a burden upon the PNTA as they seek to re-route PNT hikers around these areas and burden the PNT hikers themselves as they have to hike through non-designated trail areas, that are likely longer distances and not of the same high-value hiking experiences as what a National Scenic Trail should be.

Please, remove "working forests" from this comprehensive plan. Thank you.