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Comments: To this day, the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP) is the largest, science-based forest and ecosystem management plan in the country. Finalized in 1994, the plan covers 17 national forests totaling 24-million acres across western Washington, Oregon, and northern California. It has successfully improved the region's streams and waterways, protected salmon and other wildlife habitat, and has protected vast quantities of old-growth forest. However, the plan still leaves some old growth forests unprotected. A total moratorium on logging old growth trees on public lands should be enacted.