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Comments: Dear Jacqueline Buchanan US Forest Service, Regional Forester for the Pacific Northwest Region,

Please accept this comment on the proposed Northwest Forest Plan amendment. The time is now to make real changes to what been status quo on the use of our planet's resources. OUR forests are important to me as a source of clean water, fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, and personal renewal. I also know how essential they are for storing carbon and mitigating the effects of climate change.

The Northwest Forest Plan continues to be instrumental in keeping the Cascadian bioregion a special place through the restoration of forests and watersheds damaged by irresponsible past logging and road building, recovery of economically and ecologically valuable salmon runs, protection of wildlife habitat and old-growth forests, and ensuring our National Forests are part of a natural climate solution.

I am concerned that the Forest Service is using a rushed and abbreviated planning process for this amendment. This plan is important, and in order to maintain and strengthen its ecosystem-based conservation goals, the agency should use a transparent, science-based approach that includes and reflects public values, allows for meaningful Tribal consultation, and prioritizes climate resilience and the needs of future generations.