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Comments: In crafting the Northwest Forest Plan amendment, I hope you will keep at top of mind the incalculable value that mature and old-growth forest hold for the interconnected futures of human and plant and animal life on earth.

I am concerned that the Forest Service is rushing through the planning process for this amendment in such a way that will benefit the profits of a small number of timber industry stakeholders and ultimately irreparably damage a resource that takes at least hundreds of years to mature. To benefit the greatest number of stakeholders and to advance the agency's conservation goals, it is important that this planning process be transparent, science-based, inclusive of Tribal consultation and determination, and prioritize climate resilience and value for future generations.