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Comments: Please protect the Northwest Forest Plan (NFP). It is slowing the decline of several endangered species, protecting large swaths of old-growth forests, and improving watershed conditions. Climate change is threatening forest health. This pressure highlight the need for updates to the plan to maintain healthy forests.

To meet these challenges and to secure the health of these forests into the future for people and for nature the agency should take a targeted, science-based, and climate change-informed approach to amending the NFP. Specifically, the amendment should focus on:

Defining goals for sustaining ecological integrity of these national forests, as well as strategies for their achievement that are informed by an understanding of the ongoing and anticipated effects of climate change.

Improving landscape resilience to wildfire by restoring forest health where it is impaired and returning ecosystem-appropriate fire to the landscape.

Conserving existing old-growth forests and recruiting future generations of old-growth forests.

Incorporating Indigenous knowledge to help inform the agency's management goals and strategies to further the agency's general trust responsibilities.

Supporting the sustainability of communities located near these national forests by providing an array of sustainable recreational opportunities and forest products.

Thank you for undertaking this timely, targeted, and science-based update to the Northwest Forest Plan.