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Comments: I understand the NWFP is 30 years old and needs amending. One of the changes since 1984 is the immediacy and magnitude of climate change. Old growth forests help store significant amounts of CO<sub>2</sub>. Another change is the frequency and severity of wildfires. Old growth trees, with their thick bark and substantial girth, are relatively fire resistant, especially when younger crowded trees nearby have been thinned. For these reasons, and also for purposes of biodiversity conservation, please ensure that all existing old growth and mature trees in the Pacific Northwest are protected from logging.