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Comments: Dear Forest Service:

I live in Eugene, Oregon, near the Willamette National Forest, and I'm writing to urge you to strengthen the language in the Northwest Forest Plan so that it clearly states that connected reserves and a network of stream buffers be maintained.

Now that we know more about climate change than we did when the plan was first written, we know that old growth and mature forests capture a great deal of carbon; please make sure the language in the updated plan is clear about the definitions of "old growth" and "mature" trees, and that these definitions are fully inclusive of all old-growth conditions and ensure stronger conservation for mature growth, which will become the next old-growth trees.

As a board member of Lane County Audubon Society, I ask that you maintain, protect, and improve riparian connections, and consider land-based connections for endangered species that live in the forest, such as the spotted owl.

Respectfully,
Cecelia Hagen