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Comments: As a resident of Northwest Washington State and a graduate of the College of Forest Resources at the University of Washington, I am strongly in favor of the USFS intent to amend the agency's 128 land management plans to better conserve and steward mature and old-growth forests. Forests maturing toward old growth conditions, in particular, harbor trees at their stage of maximum carbon accumulation and storage -- because of the physical size of trees and the photosynthetic canopies they support. Trees continue to grow and add significant wood volume much longer than commonly believed. Maximizing carbon capture is a "service" we can and should require of our national forests, to serve a national goal of reducing and eliminating carbon emissions and going beyond "net zero" in efforts to re-stabilize our climate during this century. There will be no other century in which to do so; we must take this step now and fully realize the carbon capture capacity of our national lands. The proposed forest plan amendments are a promising first step toward this management outcome, as the full Environmental Impact Statement will surely document.