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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Northwest Forest Plan amendment process.

I am very concerned about mature trees and old-growth forests. Mature trees and old-growth forests provide carbon reserves and the plan must safeguard these significant reserves. I field checked a couple of units proposed for harvest on the Willamette National Forest and found old-growth conditions and extremely large trees. This area should NEVER have been proposed for harvest even though it was in the Matrix land use designation. The NW Forest Plan Amendment should specify that no tree over 80 years old be harvested even in the Matrix.

I am also concerned about the spotted owl. Because of humans' influence (the warming of the boreal forest and settlers planting corridors of trees in the Midwest) the barred owl has made its way to the west and is outcompeting the spotted owl. In addition, if humans hadn't logged so much of the old-growth forest in the northwest, the spotted owl would not be having so vulnerable. It is up to us to fix the problem that we created.

Biodiversity and connected wildlife habitat across the regions should be protected and enhanced.

Fire resistance and resilience should be bolstered and preserving and restoring mature and old-growth forests. Any logging done for fuels management should be non-commercial treatments and not commercial logging. Standards must ensure that fuels reduction is both needed and effective before logging is allowed.