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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Intent for Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions across the National Forest System.

As a resident of the Mt Hood area and a biologist, I want to share my strong support for the proposed plan amendment, which I believe will simultaneously benefit the outdoor recreation industry, local communities, climate resilience, healthy watersheds, and biodiversity. These protections can also help protect forests in the face of climate change, and preserve water and air quality for everyone.

As you continue developing the plan amendment, I encourage you to more clearly articulate where, and under what conditions this plan amendment applies. I would also like to see a science-based approach to wildfire management. And I believe a genuine partnership with local tribal communities is essential to understanding the complexity of our local ecosystem and moving forward in meaningful ways to protect it. In addition, as someone invested in the ongoing forest planning process, I would like to make sure the proposed amendments don't slow down the forest plan revision process.

Thank you.