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Comments: I am writing to you about amendments to the Northwest Forest Plan. I feel strongly that we need to prioritize preserving biodiversity and habitat connectivity.

Please strengthen protections and the Northern Spotted Owl and other at risk wildlife species. Any changes must also protect the ability of forests to sequester and store carbon. Our children's lives depend on us to do all we can to limit climate change.

Old growth trees and forests must be protected, replenished, and cherished!

Intact forests provide us with so many benefits, including clean water and air, climate resilience and recreation.

With the increasing severe wildfires the Forest Service should be reassessing current management strategies and consider incorporating the knowledge and wisdom of local tribes of indigenous peoples.

Sincerely, Marcia Hendersen