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Comments: NW Forest Plan amendment must prioritize preserving biodiversity and habitat connectivity. Please strengthen protections for Northern Spotted Owl, Marbled Murrelet, and the many other at-risk fish and wildlife species impacted by habitat fragmentation and loss.

Executive Order 14072, is about preserving habitat for the future to help with climate change--there is only so much we can do as individuals making our backyards a wildlife habitat, we need your help too.

The plan amendment should protect and replenish ALL mature and old-growth trees and forests. Wildfires & amp; logging destroys the land & amp; wildlife, we do not have time to wait until replanting is done.

In considering amendments to address sustainable communities, the Forest Service must recognize the multitude of social and economic benefits that forests provide & amp; consider incorporating Indigenous cultural burning practices.