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Comments: Regarding proposed amendment of the Northwest Forest Plan, I offer the following comments:

Given the historic protection that the Plan has afforded mature and old growth forests and dependent threatened species like the Northern Spotted Owl and Marbled Murrelet and other imperiled fish and wildlife - any amendments must prioritize preserving biodiversity and habitat connectivity with related strengthening protections for these forests and species impacted by habitat fragmentation and loss caused by logging as well as wildfire, drought, disease, and insect infestations accelerated in this era of climate change.